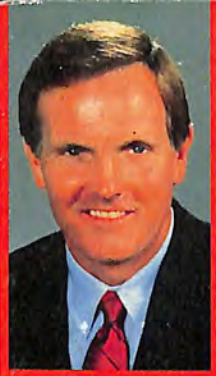


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The job doesn't start when the camera lights go on. As enjoyable as my eight years as analyst for ABC-TV have been, it's not quite the joyride people envision. You don't dare show up for a telecast figuring to

wing it. You could look like a fool in a hurry. Really, my preparation for a game Saturday in the booth isn't much different from the way I prepared for an NFL Sunday under center. Both involve research and study. The first item of business on Monday or Tuesday is to contact sports information directors at the schools for releases, game reports and videotapes. I like to get tapes of coaches' shows from the previous game to assess the mood and get a feel for the team.

I then take an 8 x 14 file folder and prepare a color-coded board for each team (the one I used for last year's Rose Bowl is at right). I align offense against defense so I have an immediate visual of individual matchups. I put all the pertinent player information on the board, including letters won and years as a starter. I put statistics for the backs and receivers. I also have the backup at each position. On that same board I'll have Division I-A statistical rankings for offense and defense, rushing and passing, with a breakdown of each team's strengths and weaknesses. I always take the offense's side. It's like when I played: Show me where you're strong and where you're weak on defense and I'll figure out a way to beat you.

For the Rose Bowl, you could look at that board and say, 'Well, we've got a gambling, blitzing defense [Oregon] against the No. 1 offense in the country.' It wasn't that hard to figure out what was going to happen. On Penn State's first offensive play, Ki-Jana Carter goes 83 yards for a touchdown. The other key to preparation is to talk not only to both head coaches, but to the offensive and defensive coordinators for both teams.

I'll write the key notes on a legal pad for quick reference, including brief profiles on players with especially interesting backgrounds. I remember this fullback from Penn State, Brian Milne. He overcame Hodgkin's disease in high school to become the 1993 NCAA discus champion. His goal is to be in the 1996 Olympic Games... that sort of thing. Here's the funny part. After all this, you hope you don't have to use any of your notes. You prepare for the blowout, the telecast you have to carry with sidelights and stories. But you hope for that really captivating game that just whisks you along, where every play and every bit of strategy prompts the next comment or nugget of analysis.

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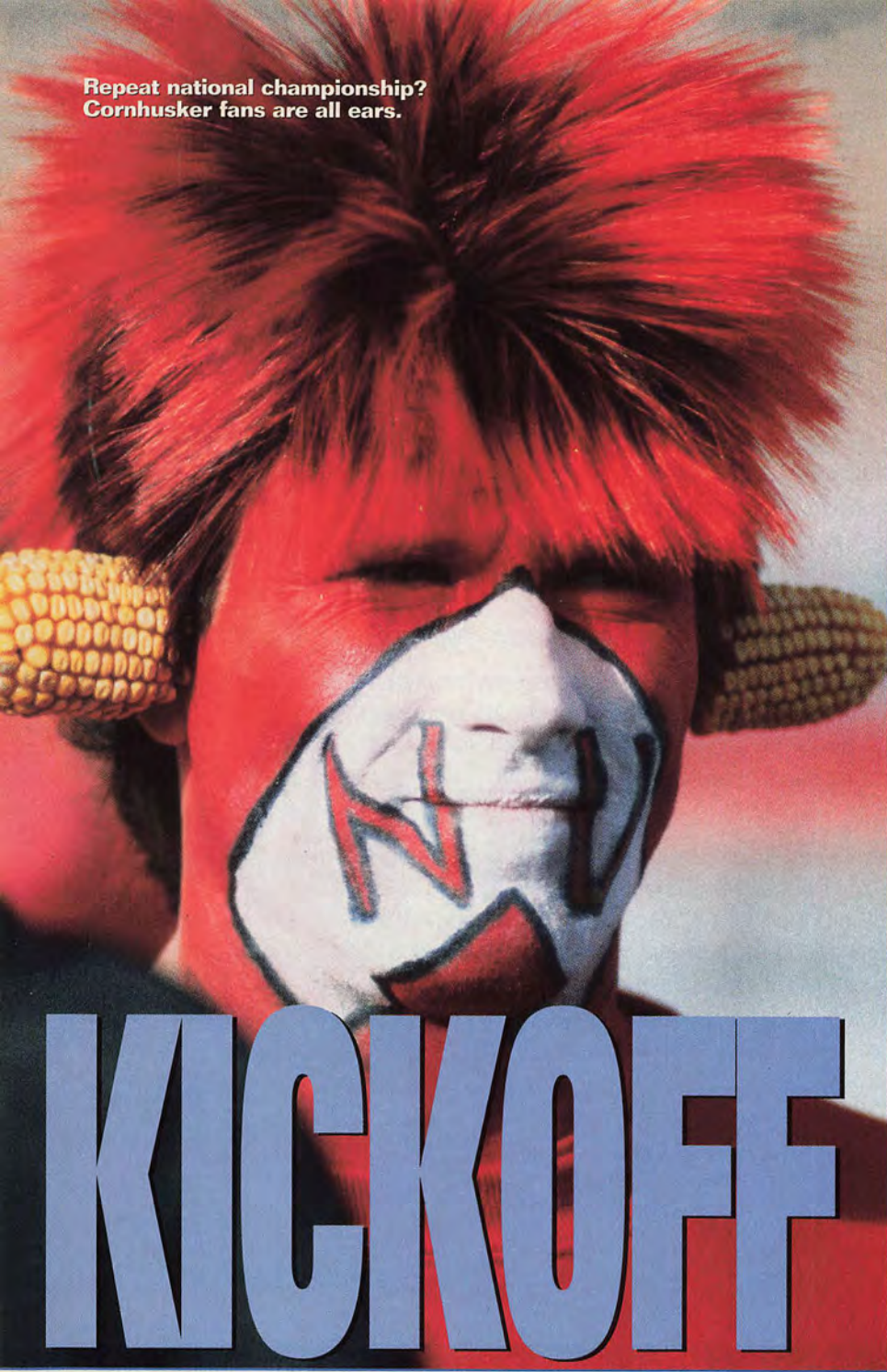
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KICKOFF '95

By Bob GRIESE with Gary Long

THE FUTURE IS NOW

Howard Schnellenberger's move from Louisville to Oklahoma at age 61 certainly ranks as the most intriguing coaching change of the offseason.

Schnellenberger, whom I know well from his days as Don Shula's offensive assistant with the Dolphins, grew disenchanted when Louisville's president did not consult him before committing the school to Conference USA. Schnellenberger thought the move would inhibit his attempts to keep Louisville a high-profile program with a national schedule.

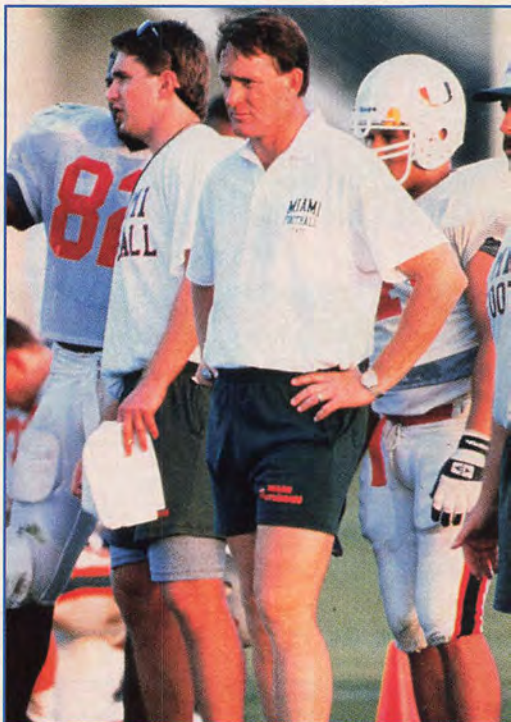
So, Schnellenberger found a place where his input would be welcome. And Oklahoma athletic director Donnie Duncan found a coach who could get the job done quickly.

Schnellenberger left Miami after leading the Hurricanes to a win over Nebraska in the 1984 Orange Bowl and, consequently, the national championship. He spent a decade at Louisville and led the Cardinals to two bowl wins, including a 34-7 rout of Alabama in the Fiesta Bowl to cap a terrific 1990 season.

But Louisville was not a situation where Schnellenberger had time to build a title contender. At Oklahoma, however, he has the players to be a factor on the national scene immediately.

The other switch that jumps out at you occurred at Miami, where Dennis Erickson left the Hurricanes for the sweetness of Seattle and the NFL. Butch Davis, one of Jimmy Johnson's former assistants at UM and with the Dallas Cowboys, resigned as Cowboys defensive coordinator to become the head man at Miami.

When Dennis said he wasn't going to leave Miami, I believed he was sincere. But when he spoke with the Seahawks' owners at the East-West all-star game in San Francisco, they told him, "Hey, we're going to give you more money than you ever thought you'd make." The opportunity was almost too good to be true for him.



Butch Davis' move to Miami was one of the biggest offseason transactions.

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WR Keyshawn Johnson	Sr.	6-4/205	USC
WR Eric Moulds	Sr.	6-3/205	Miss. St.
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OG J.R. Conrad	Sr.	6-5/309	Oklahoma
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OT Willie Anderson	Jr.	6-6/320	Auburn
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Erickson also was getting tired of the fans' demands in Miami. They were tough. You talk about coaching pressures. The radio talk shows have really magnified those. Erickson also was catching it from some of the trustees on the sportsmanship issue, and that upset him, too.

Incidentally, Jim Tressel, from Youngstown State, is a coach to keep an eye on. The Miami job was his if he wanted it. He's big-time. He'll have a major-college job when he wants it.

MASTERS ON THE SIDELINE

The game Florida coach Steve Spurrier called against Alabama in the Gators' 24-23 SEC Championship victory was masterful.

He pulled off those trick plays at just the right time and set up one, the double pass, with another, the quick pass off the sideline-to-sideline spread. Two quarterbacks and a receiver threw passes on a make-or-break drive. It was fun to watch, especially for an old quarterback.

Spurrier has a great offensive mind and a tremendous feel for the game, and that's why I rank him the most-effective coach in college football.

I will say this: He doesn't protect his defense much. Not many offensive minds do, it seems. It's like Dan Fouts and the San Diego Chargers of the 1980s; Dan Marino and the Dolphins of the '90s.

This may surprise some people, but I have Tom Osborne of Nebraska second to Spurrier. He and Spurrier do it in different ways, but they both get results. Spurrier spreads your defense, using the spread formation with the great drop-back passers. Osborne shows you the threat of the option, forces you to stop the run and then passes sparingly, but effectively.

Would you believe the 'Huskies tied for the Big Eight lead in touchdown passes in 1993 even though they ranked 92nd in Division I-A in passing yards? Nebraska ranked second in the league in touchdown passes last year.

You had to be impressed with Osborne when he finally won the national championship. Not only did the 'Huskies beat Miami in the Orange



Florida coach Steve Spurrier ranks as the best play-caller.

Bowl, but they did it by coming from behind in the fourth quarter. Osborne was convinced his offensive line would wear down Miami's defensive line, and he had the patience to stick with his plan. Miami's Warren Sapp was an All America for three quarters. In the fourth, full-

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Gerry DiNardo

back Cory Schlesinger was running right by him and everybody else.

Lou Holtz of Notre Dame is also a master on the sidelines. Whereas Spurrier and Osborne were quarterbacks, Holtz was a scrawny third-string guard, but he understands offensive football. He can't do what Spurrier does, with five guys out on pass patterns. He's more like Osborne.

What's sort of funny is that Nebraska's Tommie Frazier would be a perfect fit for Lou's offense, better than Ron Powlus. But Powlus is a great talent who didn't pick a college for its offensive system. Of course, if you're Notre Dame's quarterback, you're an instant Heisman Trophy contender.

Oklahoma's Schnellenberger, Boston College's Dan Henning and Texas' John Mackovic also rank among the best play-callers.

THERE'S GOLD IN FLORIDA

The University of Miami has won four national championships since 1983 under three different head coaches. Florida State has been



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Why the success in Florida? Check the grass

roots. The high schools turn out so many talented players that there are plenty left over for the rest of the nation after Miami, Florida and FSU have taken their pick.

George Perles, the former Michigan State coach, told me once that, in the 1960s and '70s, you didn't want to play the teams from Texas. That's where the premier high school talent was. But, that has changed. Not only can Florida match any state's talent pool, but the best stay home.

And with all their success, the Hurricanes, Gators and Seminoles can now recruit nationally for that special player. Probably the two most highly recruited quarterbacks in the country last winter were Dan Kendra from Allentown, Pa., and Bobby Sabelhaus from the Baltimore area. Kendra is going to FSU, Sabelhaus to Florida.

PET PEEVES AND PREFERENCES

1. College presidents and athletic directors have chipped away at football programs in an attempt to satisfy all manner of critics. They have pared maximum scholarships to 85, the number of assistant coaches to nine and graduate assistants to two. In addition, they're cutting into spring practice.

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2. We need a more sophisticated polling process, whether it comes from a computer or better guidelines for those doing the voting.

From what I can see, far too much emphasis is still centered on the won-lost record. I'd like to see more attention paid to strength of schedule, the caliber of opposition, quality road wins and how a team performs in a loss to a Top 5 team. Being 11-0 doesn't automatically make you better than a 10-1 team.

3. Notice how offensive linemen keep getting bigger and bigger? It's ridiculous. It's almost like you have to be 300 pounds to play up front. You'd think offensive coaches would catch on to the way defensive coaches are countering size with quickness. That's why Illinois' Simeon Rice, who is a linebacker in size, has such great success rushing the passer.

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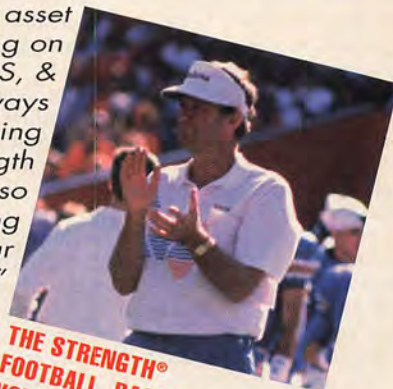


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So these names ring any bells with you? Jerry Sandusky? Bill Oliver? Charlie McBride? Fran Ganter? Homer Rice?

Chances are they don't. But they are key contributors to the football tradition and successes at Penn State, Nebraska and Alabama.

Pin me down to the three best coaching staffs in college football, and I'd start with those three. Longevity and continuity are the buzzwords in any assessment.

Joe Paterno will be starting his 30th season at Penn State in September. Sandusky, defensive coordinator for Joe Pa, is beginning his 28th year at State College. Ganter, starting his 25th there, would have gotten my vote for 1994 offensive coordinator of the year for building a juggernaut around quarterback Kerry Collins and running back Ki-Jana Carter.

If my math was accurate, Joe's nine assistants last year had 121 total years of experience at Penn State. That's a long time for key staff people to be together and a major reason the Nittany Lions are at or near the top year after year after year.

McBride should be defensive coordinator of the year for what he did with Nebraska. The 'Huskers wouldn't have beaten Miami with one of those big and slow defenses from years past. They got quick on defense . . . like Miami and Florida State and Texas A&M. That's the trend.

Then, at Alabama, you've got Oliver pulling

BAKER'S DOZEN GAMES TO WATCH

- Sept. 2 Miami at UCLA
- Sept. 16 Tennessee at Florida
- Sept. 23 Texas A&M at Colorado
- Sept. 30 Notre Dame at Ohio State
- Oct. 7 Miami at Florida State
- Oct. 7 Ohio State at Penn State
- Oct. 14 Florida at Auburn
- Oct. 14 Tennessee at Alabama
- Oct. 21 USC at Notre Dame
- Oct. 28 Nebraska at Colorado
- Nov. 18 Alabama at Auburn
- Nov. 25 Florida State at Florida
- Dec. 2 Texas at Texas A&M

The 'Huskers collide with the Buffaloes on Oct. 28.



Illinois' Simeon Rice.

the strings on defense and Rice manipulating the offense. Florida's Steve Spurrier relishes matching wits with Oliver, who he calls "Brother Bill." He tried to hire Oliver last year, but Oliver stayed at Alabama.

How smart is Rice? The guy has a bachelor's degree from Princeton, a master's in business from Stanford and a master's in theological studies from Harvard. I'm not sure exactly how he puts all that to use in football, but I know he's a great fundamentalist and a great teacher.

TIME'S A-WASTIN'

If the entertainment value is top-scale, fans aren't inclined to be clock-watching and fidgeting over whether a college game lasts three or three-and-a-half hours.

But there's no escaping the fact most college football games get dragged out beyond reason and that the NCAA needs to practice a little clock control.

The problem goes well beyond timeouts for commercials. The NFL has all its games on TV and has managed, with a few rule adjustments, to get the games down to a little over three hours. The colleges could follow the NFL's example.

The average NFL game has approximately 120 plays from scrimmage. The average college game has about 145. The colleges won't hurt the product if they eliminate 10 to 15 plays, and they could do that with a few simple measures the pros adopted.

First, don't stop the clock when the chains are being moved. Why did they ever start that in the first place? Because the local drugstore guy and the barber were moving the chains and weren't very good at it?

Second, go ahead and stop the clock when a runner or receiver goes out of bounds at the end of the play; however, restart the clock when the ball is spotted for play. Make an

BEST OF THE BEST

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HEISMAN TROPHY (Outstanding college football player)

1. Lawrence Phillips, RB, Nebraska
2. Leeland McElroy, RB, Texas A&M
3. Danny Wuerffel, QB, Florida
4. Ron Powlus, QB, Notre Dame
5. Tommie Frazier, QB, Nebraska

OUTLAND/LOMBARD (Outstanding lineman)

1. Tedy Bruschi, DE, Arizona
2. Simeon Rice, DE, Illinois
3. Clay Shiver, C, Florida St.

BUTKUS (Outstanding linebacker)

1. Ray Lewis, Miami
2. Zach Thomas, Texas Tech
3. Donnie Edwards, UCLA

JIM THORPE (Outstanding defensive back)

1. Greg Myers, Colorado State
2. Aaron Beasley, West Virginia
3. Brian Miller, Penn State

DAVEY O'BRIEN (Outstanding quarterback)

1. Danny Wuerffel, Florida
2. Ron Powlus, Notre Dame
3. Danny Kanell, Florida State

FRED BILETNIKOFF (Outstanding wide receiver)

1. Derrick Mayes, Notre Dame
2. Eric Moulds, Mississippi St.
3. Bobby Engram, Penn State

exception for the final two minutes of the first half and the last five minutes of the game, when clock management becomes a more significant part of game strategy.

Third, penalties presently result in a clock stoppage until the next snap. Why? Restart the clock after the penalty is marked off and the ball is spotted.

Finally, couldn't we tighten up halftime just a little? The pros have a 12-minute intermission while the college game breaks for 20 minutes. I know I risk being stuffed into the nearest bass drum by a band director, but maybe we could save just a couple minutes. Understand this, though: Marching bands are part of the pageantry that makes college football special.

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I'm all for a playoff system, as long as it's not too cumbersome and doesn't contradict college presidents' desires to keep football, specifically, and college athletics, in general, in perspective.

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when, in fact, both eliminated the chaotic invitational process that preceded them.

The Coalition, in two of the three years it existed, provided a bowl game matching No. 1 against No. 2. The exception was last season when Penn State, the Big Ten champion, took the No. 2 ranking to the Rose Bowl. The Rose Bowl's alignment with the Big Ten and the Pac-10 conferences will continue to be the primary flaw.

But the Alliance, by creating a selection rotation and erasing bowl/conference ties, eliminates a drawback of the Coalition that never did come into play.

Under the Coalition, had Nebraska finished the regular season ranked No. 1 and Alabama No. 2, the Orange/Big Eight and Sugar/Southeastern Conference contracts would have stood in the way of them meeting. Under the Alliance, they would play each other.

HEY, LOOK AT ME!

A couple years ago, the NCAA reacted to a series of ugly brawls with regulations that have effectively curtailed fighting. If you fight, you're kicked out for not only that game, but part or all of the next. It's clear-cut. Crime and punishment. The effect has been positive.

This year the rulesmakers are addressing unsportsmanlike conduct, specifically by the player who whips off his helmet on the field of play to whips for the fans and TV cameras.

I have no problem with a guy celebrating after a touchdown. You don't want to take the fun out of the game. Part of the enjoyment for the fan or a TV viewer is seeing these kids get excited.

But taking your helmet off has become like a proclamation, 'Look at me! I'm the greatest!' You sure don't do it to draw attention to your blockers, or to the guy who passed you the ball. I also think that, in a way, it's putting down your opponent. It's not necessary.

Hey, if a player does it once, drop the flag on him. Fifteen yards! If he does it again, eject him. Coaches will welcome the help. It's good to have the rules as ammunition when you're preaching team values and sportsmanship.

READY-FOR-PRIME-TIME PLAYERS

These 10 players are ready to emerge as stars in 1995:

POSITION/PLAYER	COLLEGE	POSITION/PLAYER	COLLEGE
QB Key Detmer	Colorado	TE Steve Alexander	Oklahoma
QB Brad Otten	USC	DT Marvin Davis	Miami
RB Tremayne Stephens	N.C. State	LB Sam Cowart	Florida State
FB Brian Milne	Penn State	DB Deshea Townsend	Alabama
WR Reidel Anthony	Florida	DB Kenny Wheaton	Oregon

"HAIL STEWART"

Ask anyone to single out one play, just one, from the 1994 season, and the name Kordell Stewart is certain to come up. Even if you weren't at Michigan Stadium last Sept. 24, you had to be awestruck by what happened. Now imagine what it was like to soak up that scene from the ABC booth.

Colorado needed two touchdowns in the final five minutes, and I commented to Keith Jackson that even though the Buffaloes' offense hadn't done anything the last three or four series, there was still time for them to win. That sounded pretty prophetic later.

Rashaan Salaam scored with just over two minutes left. Michigan failed to run out the clock and Colorado got the ball back at its own 15 with 15 seconds remaining.

After a 21-yard pass, Stewart spiked the ball. What happened in those final six seconds has to be not only the most dramatic play I saw last year, but the most thrilling in the years I've worked for ABC. The pass travels about 70 yards in the air, gets touched by both a defender and a Colorado receiver and winds up in Michael Westbrook's hands. It was "Hail Flutie" all over again.

SO MUCH FOR MODERN TECHNOLOGY

It's prime time Saturday night, Notre Dame vs. Southern Cal and a national telecast is being broadcast to all parts of the country, from San Diego to Bangor, Maine, Seattle to Key West. Suddenly, without warning, ABC becomes victim to a partial power outage in the Los Angeles Coliseum.

CONTENDERS HELPED BY SCHEDULE

- 1. Texas A&M:** Colorado on road and Texas at home only stumbling blocks.
- 2. Oklahoma:** Three straight home games to work out kinks for Colorado visit.
- 3. Penn State:** Michigan, Ohio State and Wisconsin all at home.

CONTENDERS HURT BY SCHEDULE

- 1. Ohio State:** Will Buckeyes be standing Oct. 21 after brutal stretch?
- 2. Boston College:** Seven bullies include Ohio State, Michigan, Notre Dame and Miami.
- 3. Notre Dame:** Murderers' row in middle, with trips to Ohio State and Washington.

It's colder than International Falls, Minn., in January, and we're in an open-air booth with two small space heaters, which also go dead.

The power went out before halftime, and we still didn't have any when the third quarter kicked off. Prime Ticket also was doing the game, on generator.

Bob Goodrich, our producer, arranged for ABC to pick up the Prime Ticket feed and told Keith to do the voice-over using a telephone. Now this is primitive.

Picture it: The voice of college football for 35 years, this legend of broadcasting, is doing this big-game telecast, Irish against Trojans, talking into a telephone. No headsets. No live monitor. No telestrator. No graphics. No communication with the production truck. I mean, he's looking through a window to the Prime Ticket booth to see what the nation is seeing, and he's describing it. It was hilarious.

Naturally, the whole scene put me in a playful mood. Keith would get tired of talking and try to hand me the phone and I'd fend him off.

We both couldn't stop laughing when it was all over. And I always thought the guys in the broadcast booth had the easy job . . .

Gary Long is a staff writer with the Miami (Fla.) Herald.



Florida's Reidel Anthony will have to make a point with his helmet on.

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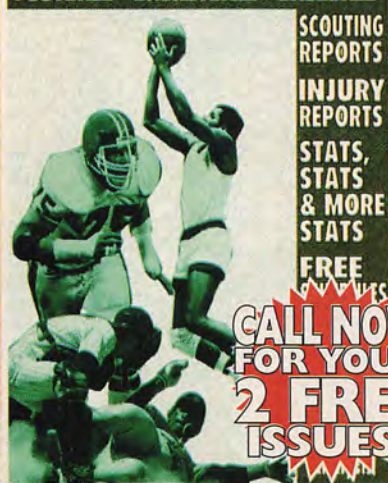
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BOBBY GRIESE'S TOP 25

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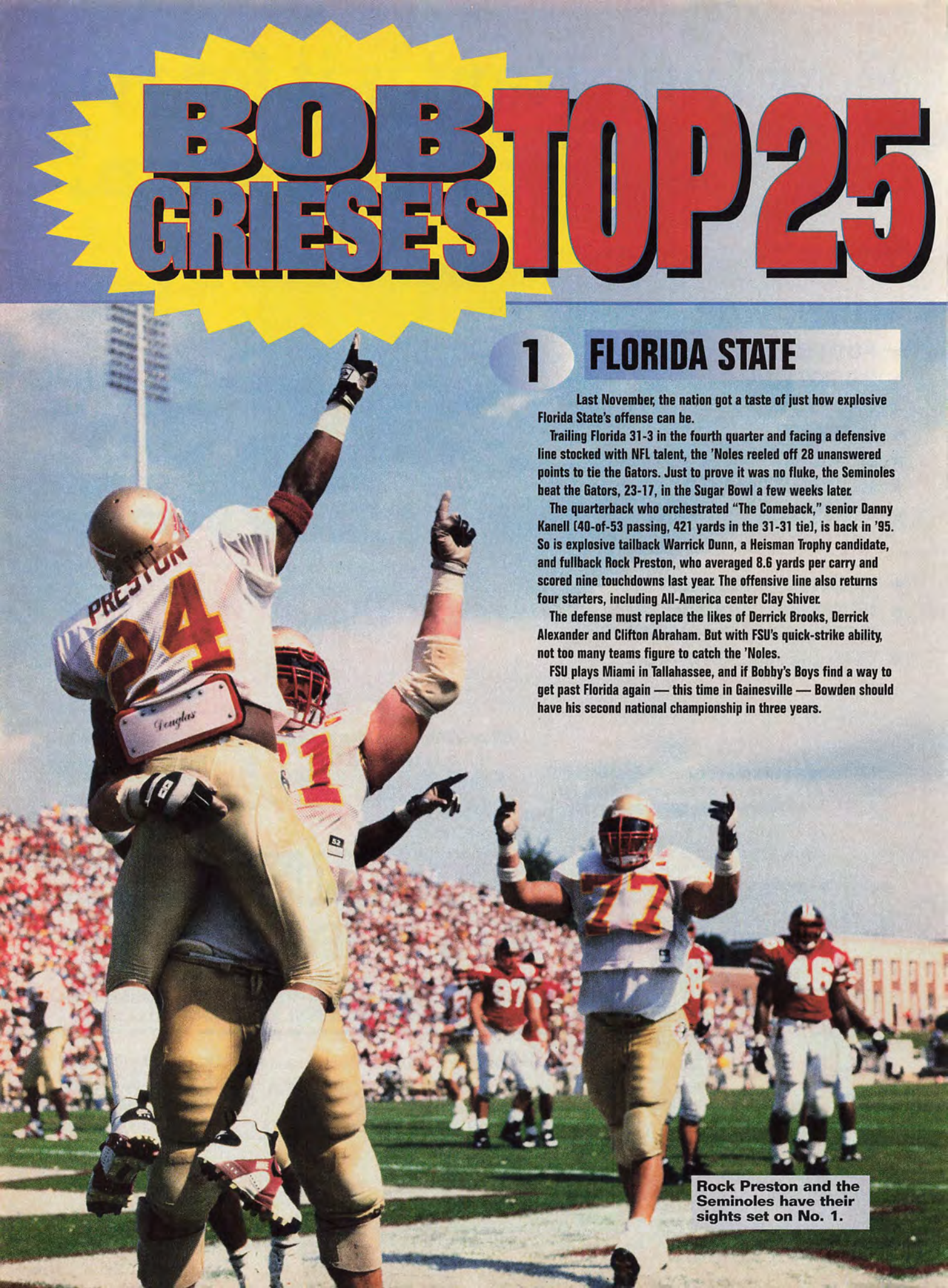
Last November, the nation got a taste of just how explosive Florida State's offense can be.

Trailing Florida 31-3 in the fourth quarter and facing a defensive line stocked with NFL talent, the 'Noles reeled off 28 unanswered points to tie the Gators. Just to prove it was no fluke, the Seminoles beat the Gators, 23-17, in the Sugar Bowl a few weeks later.

The quarterback who orchestrated "The Comeback," senior Danny Kanell (40-of-53 passing, 421 yards in the 31-31 tie), is back in '95. So is explosive tailback Warrick Dunn, a Heisman Trophy candidate, and fullback Rock Preston, who averaged 8.6 yards per carry and scored nine touchdowns last year. The offensive line also returns four starters, including All-America center Clay Shiver.

The defense must replace the likes of Derrick Brooks, Derrick Alexander and Clifton Abraham. But with FSU's quick-strike ability, not too many teams figure to catch the 'Noles.

FSU plays Miami in Tallahassee, and if Bobby's Boys find a way to get past Florida again — this time in Gainesville — Bowden should have his second national championship in three years.



Rock Preston and the Seminoles have their sights set on No. 1.

2 TEXAS A&M

The Aggies are off probation and ready to make a run at the national title. They may have trouble impressing voters because of a relatively weak schedule, but an early win at Colorado would make a nice statement. All-purpose back Leland McElroy is the most exciting player the country has yet to see. He rushed for 707 yards and averaged 50.2 yards on six kickoff returns last season. The defense, as always, is one of the nation's best, led by junior end Brandon Mitchell (eight sacks in '94) and senior defensive back Ray Mickens.

Ray Mickens



5 FLORIDA

The Gators' offense is just as frightening as its counterpart to the west in Tallahassee. Junior Danny Wuerffel (40 touchdown passes, 13 career starts) and dynamite sophomores Fred Taylor and Reidel Anthony lead an offense which ranked No. 2 in the nation in scoring a year ago at more than 43 points per game. Anthony should emerge as the Gators' next great receiver, replacing Jack Jackson, who left early for the NFL. The defense, however, must find a way to replace linemen Kevin Carter and Ellis Johnson, both first-round NFL draft picks.

Fred Taylor



3 PENN STATE

The high-scoring Nittany Lions should be kings again in the Big Ten, despite the losses of Heisman finalists Kerry Collins and Ki-Jana Carter. Junior QB Wally Richardson takes over for Collins, but his transition should be made easier by the return of seven regulars, including wide receivers Bobby Engram and Freddie Scott and running backs Mike Archie and Stephen Pitts. The defense, which surrendered almost 383 yards per game last season, isn't as lucky and must replace seven starters.

Stephen Pitts



6 NEBRASKA

The defending national champions lost 14 starters and four-fifths of their mammoth offensive line, three of whom were taken in the NFL draft. But two of the returning players — quarterback Tommie Frazier and running back Lawrence Phillips — are Heisman Trophy candidates. Interestingly, Frazier is not even a lock to start at quarterback, because senior Brook Berringer (8-0 as a starter in '94) is also back. The schedule again is favorable for the 'Huskers should they get past Colorado in Boulder on Oct. 28.

Tommie Frazier



4 AUBURN

Another team coming off probation with a chance to win it all. Terry Bowden's Tigers had won 20 games in a row before tying Georgia and losing to Alabama in their final two games last year. Although wide receiver Frank Sanders is gone, 1,000-yard rusher Stephen Davis and quarterback Patrick Nix return. The linebacking corps, led by senior Anthony Harris and junior Marcellus Mostella, could be the nation's best. Defensive back Brian Robinson, second in the nation a year ago with eight interceptions, declared early for the NFL draft.

Marcellus Mostella



7 TENNESSEE

There are plenty of reasons to be optimistic in Knoxville. Tennessee returns 17 starters, including SEC Freshman of the Year Peyton Manning at quarterback, from a team which won seven of its last eight games and outscored its final three opponents, 162-23. The Volunteers' traditionally talented trench troops — seniors Jason Layman, Jeff Smith and Bubba Miller — form the nation's No. 1 offensive line. Free safety Jason Parker (71 solo tackles) is a strong candidate for All-America honors.

Peyton Manning



8 USC

The Trojans have a pair of horses in running backs Shawn Walters and Delon Washington, their best backfield combination in years. Add to that perhaps the premier receiver in the country, Keyshawn Johnson, and the Trojans will be scoring by the bundle in '95. Junior Brad Otton, who connected with Johnson on a Cotton Bowl-record 96-yard touchdown pass, should take over for Rob Johnson at quarterback. USC's schedule is one of the nation's toughest, however, with road dates at Arizona, Notre Dame and Washington.

Shawn Walters



11 VIRGINIA

Yes Virginia, there's an ACC team with a fighting chance at finally beating Florida State and it's the Cavaliers. Virginia, which hosts the 'Noles in Charlottesville on Nov. 2, returns 17 starters from last year's 9-3 team, including the league's most efficient passer, Mike Groh. The defense is one of the ACC's best, led by junior Jamie Sharper and sophomore Ronde Barber. Barber tied for second in the country in interceptions last year with eight and was the first Cavalier to win ACC Rookie of the Year honors since wide receiver John Ford in 1984.

Jamie Sharper



9 MIAMI (Fla.)

New coach Butch Davis should have the Sundance Kids back on top again in the Big East, despite the early departure of Lombardi Award winner Warren Sapp. Davis, an assistant under Jimmy Johnson with both the 'Canes and Dallas Cowboys, still has a top-notch defensive line. The trio of Kenard Lang, Kenny Holmes and Marvin Davis combined for 19.5 sacks last season. Ryan Collins, a starter two seasons ago, gives Miami a much more mobile quarterback in the pocket than Frank Costa. Junior linebacker Ray Lewis is one of the most feared defenders in the country.

Ryan Collins



12 ALABAMA

Life without Jay Barker (35-2-1 as the starting quarterback at 'Bama) begins for the Tide, who now turn to senior Brian Burgdorf. He attempted only 13 passes last season, but Burgdorf does have experience — he was the Gator Bowl MVP two years ago. Senior wide receivers Curtis Brown and Toderick Malone could make Burgdorf's one season memorable. Defensive tackle Shannon Brown leads Alabama's always-tough defense. Placekicker Michael Proctor gives 'Bama a leg up in close games, something the Tide has seen a lot of the past few years.

Deshea Townsend



10 NOTRE DAME

Irish eyes will be smiling again after last season's 6-5-1 debacle. Quarterback Ron Powlus should flourish now that everyone knows he isn't Joe Montana. It also helps to have a target like senior split end Derrick Mayes, one of the few bright spots last season. Running back Randy Kinder may rekindle memories of great Notre Dame running backs past. And, as if Irish luck should have it, Lou Holtz has the nation's No. 1 recruiting class in reserve. The schedule (USC, Texas, Ohio State, Boston College, Washington) is again brutal.

Ron Powlus



13 OKLAHOMA

With Howard Schnellenberger's proven track record at Miami and Louisville, Oklahoma figures to be back among the nation's elite more sooner than later. The building blocks are already in place. Schnellenberger inherits a team loaded with talent and 18 possible returning starters, including defensive end Cedric Jones (school-record 14 sacks in '94). Quarterback is the question mark. If the Sooners get solid play from either Garrick McGee (1,909 yards passing, 13 interceptions) or Eric Moore, look out!

Jerald Moore



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14 OHIO STATE

Last year's win over the Wolverines knocked a monkey the size of the state of Michigan off John Cooper's back. Now, the coach and his players are chasing a gorilla in '95. The Buckeyes will be bent on avenging last year's 63-14 shellacking at Penn State and have the personnel to do it. Sack specialists Mike Vrabel and Matt Finkes (a combined 21 sacks) are back, as is RB Eddie George (1,353 yards rushing) and QB Bobby Hoying. Early departures to the NFL (Korey Stringer, Lorenzo Styles) hurt the Buckeyes.

Eddie George



17 MICHIGAN

The heat is on the Wolverines, whose fans expect better than back-to-back 8-4 seasons. Running back Tyrone Wheatley will be missed, but junior Tim Biakabutuka averaged more yards per carry (6.2) than Wheatley (5.4) a year ago. The wide receivers, Mercury Hayes and Amani Toomer (20.3 yards per catch), should make whoever wins the starting quarterback job feel more comfortable. Placekicker Remy Hamilton was an impressive 24 of 29 on field goals last season and won the Notre Dame game on a late kick.

Amani Toomer



15 ARIZONA

Few teams have more to prove this season than the Wildcats. Desert Swarm was supposed to challenge for a national title a year ago, but instead wound up wilting to an 8-4 mark. Most of the 'Cats are back, including the pass rushing duo of Tedy Bruschi and Chuck Osborne (21 sacks between them) and quarterback Dan White (2,181 yards, 14 touchdowns). An early home date against USC will be a clear indication whether Arizona has the stuff to make its first run for the Rose Bowl.

Tedy Bruschi



18 BYU

The Cougars had to go the junior college route to find John Walsh's air apparent at quarterback and they found one in Steve Sarkisian, who should continue BYU's gun-slinging tradition. With Sarkisian at the helm and one of the Cougars' better defensive units, BYU will likely be the team to beat in the surprising WAC, which placed three teams in the Top 25 last season. Replacing 1,000-yard rusher Jamal Willis will be a key for BYU, which will look to senior Hema Heimuli, who is also an excellent receiver out of the backfield.

Hema Heimuli



16 COLORADO

The Buffaloes lost a herd of fire-power in Heisman Trophy winner Rashaan Salaam, quarterback Kordell Stewart and wide receiver Michael Westbrook. They also lost their head coach, Bill McCartney, and both coordinators. But Colorado doesn't figure to slow down behind former UCLA quarterback Rick Neuheisel. McCartney's QB/receivers coach last season. Neuheisel will give quarterback Koy Detmer every opportunity to prove he's just as good as brother Ty, the former Heisman Trophy winner from BYU.

James Kidd



19 TEXAS

The Longhorns have two talented quarterbacks in Shea Morenz and James Brown, although Brown figures to be the starter based on his remarkable freshman season. Brown, 4-0 as the Longhorns' starter in '94, completed an amazing 70 percent of his passes and had a Steve Young-like quarterback rating of 176.27. The return of wide receiver and punt/kick return specialist Mike Adams adds more spice to a Longhorns team which averaged nearly 49 points per game over its last three contests, including a 35-31 Sun Bowl victory over North Carolina.

James Brown



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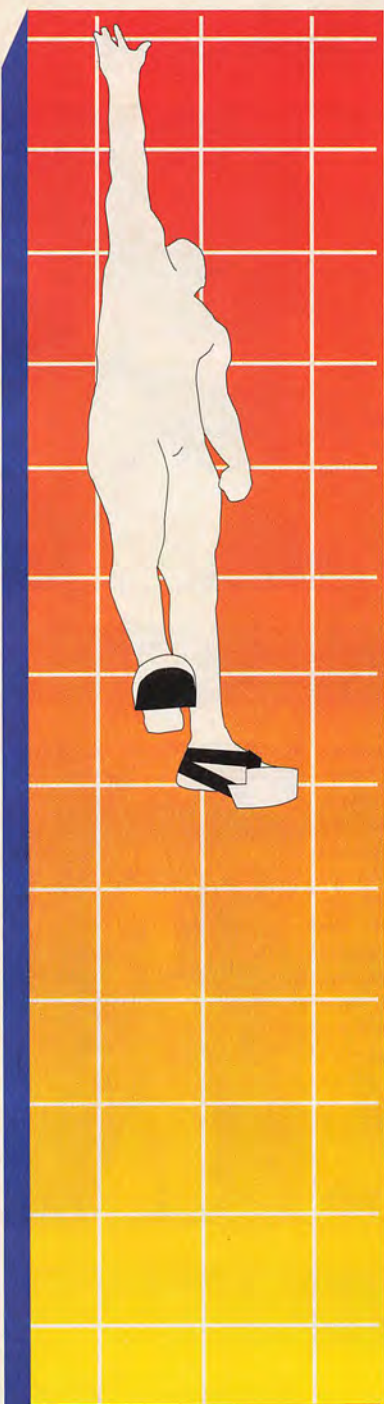
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20 NORTH CAROLINA ST.

Would you believe the Wolfpack has made seven consecutive bowl appearances? Believe it. That number should grow to eight this season with Terry Harvey back at quarterback and sophomore Tremayne Stephens returning at running back. While Florida State's Warrick Dunn and North Carolina's Leon Johnson garner most of the attention, Stephens (791 yards rushing in nine games) is as exciting a back as there is in the ACC. The 'Pack could certainly use a monster game from him against FSU, which has outscored N.C. State 130-19 in their last three meetings.

Tremayne Stephens



23 SOUTH CAROLINA

The Gamecocks are coming off the first bowl win in school history (a 24-21 Carquest Bowl victory over West Virginia) and should continue their rise in the SEC behind coach Brad Scott and senior quarterback Steve Taneyhill. Taneyhill completed nearly 63 percent of his passes last season for 2,259 yards and 19 touchdowns. Fullback Stanley Pritchett was on the receiving end of many of those passes and also rushed for 683 yards and nine touchdowns. South Carolina was 0-8 in bowl games before scaling the Mountaineers.

Steve Taneyhill



21 WASHINGTON

The Huskies will have to replace their all-time leading rusher, Napoleon Kaufman, but they're one of the few Pac-10 contenders that doesn't have to replace their quarterback. Senior Damon Huard (1,887 yards passing) is back, but he must cut down on his interceptions (12 in '94) if the Huskies are to return to the Rose Bowl, something they couldn't do while on probation the last two years. Senior defensive end Deke Devers (14 tackles for a loss) is one to watch. The Huskies have USC, Oregon and Notre Dame at home.

Damon Huard



24 BOSTON COLLEGE

BC should be made an honorary member of the Big Ten this season, with games against Ohio State, Michigan and Michigan State. Add Notre Dame and Miami to the schedule and you can see why the Eagles will have a tough time bettering last year's 7-4-1 mark. The Eagles set a Big East single-season record with 47 sacks last season, but Mike Mamula took 13 of those with him to the NFL. BC holds a rare two-game winning streak over Notre Dame, including a 30-11 rout of the Irish last year in Chestnut Hill.

Justice Smith



22 NORTH CAROLINA

One half of the Johnson & Johnson running back tandem (Curtis) is gone, but Leon (805 yards rushing, seven TDs) is back for the Heels, who figure to battle Virginia and N.C. State for second place in the ACC. All-league defensive end Marcus Jones (7.5 sacks) may be North Carolina's best pass rusher since Lawrence Taylor. No one is more dangerous with a wall in front of him than senior Marcus Wall, who was second in the nation in kickoff returns (27.5 yards per return) last season.

Marcus Jones



25 UCLA

Terry Donohue's Bruins are not nearly as good as Jim Harrick's gang, but they're not as bad as last year's 5-6 record. For one, they welcome back the Pac-10's top returning rusher in Sharmon Shah (1,227 yards), its leading receiver in Kevin Jordan (73 catches, 1,228 yards) and third-leading tackler in linebacker Donnie Edwards (106 tackles). Edwards also had 12.5 sacks and a conference-leading 21 tackles for a loss. UCLA's offensive line, led by senior Jonathan Ogden, is the best in the Pac-10.

Sharmon Shah



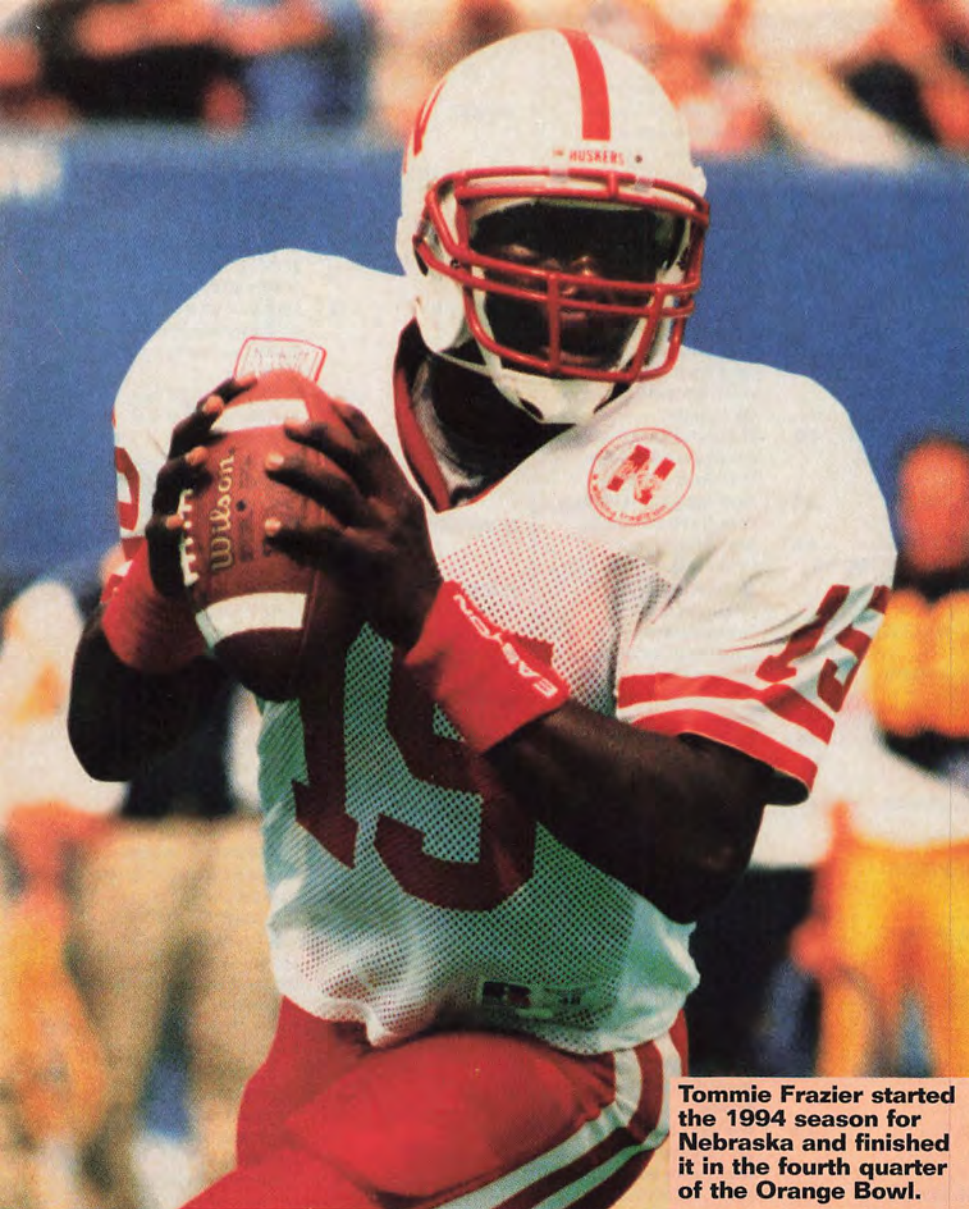
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How the other bowl hopefuls and Div. I-A teams shape up for '95

AK./SCHOOL	'94-'95 REC.	THE BOTTOM LINE
26. MISSISSIPPI ST.	8-4	A bulldog on offense, led by WR Eric Moulds and QB Derrick Tait.
27. ILLINOIS	7-5	DE/LB Simeon Rice could be the first player chosen in next year's NFL draft.
28. WEST VIRGINIA	7-6	Comeback Team of the Year in '94 after horrible 1-4 start.
29. OREGON	9-4	Things won't be as ducky without QB Danny O'Neill, but they can still light it up.
30. WISCONSIN	7-4-1	Badgers lost RBs Terrell Fletcher and Brent Moss but kept coach Barry Alvarez.
31. CLEMSON	5-6	The Tigers' future looks bright if sophomore Nealon Greene can settle in at QB.
32. VIRGINIA TECH	8-4	Junior Cornell Brown may be Hokies' best pass rusher since Bruce Smith.
33. TEXAS TECH	8-6	LB Zach Thomas is a strong candidate for the Butkus Award.
34. DUKE	8-4	Dukies will have a devil of a time upstaging the basketball team again this season.
35. SYRACUSE	7-4	If Orangemen can avoid another late-season fade, look out.
36. INDIANA	6-5	For once, a football player (RB Alex Smith) is the big man on campus.
37. KANSAS ST.	9-3	May day! 'Cats must find someone to throw to trio of Kevin Lockett, Mitch Running and Tyson Schwieger.
38. COLORADO ST.	10-2	Coach Sonny Lubick may be the biggest returnee. He turned down the Miami (Fla.) job.
39. RUTGERS	5-5-1	Thunder and Lightning plus QB Ray Lucas spell trouble for opposing defenses.
40. PURDUE	4-5-2	RB Mike Alstott (1,188 yards rushing, 14 TDs) is full of steam.
41. BAYLOR	7-5	QB Jeff Watson and RB Jerod Douglas (7.5 yards per carry) must match freshman effort.
42. GEORGIA	6-4-1	'Dawgs need more bite on defense, and may get it with several incoming JUCO's.
43. TCU	7-5	Leaping lizards! Dynamic duo of QB Max Knake and RB Andre Davis is back for Horned Frogs.
44. NEVADA	9-2	Only Penn State put up better offensive numbers than the 'Pack last season.
45. LOUISVILLE	6-5	Howard Schnellenberger's replacement, Ron Cooper, is youngest Div. I-A coach.
46. SAN DIEGO ST.	4-7	Opposing teams will have their hands full with senior La'Roi Glover (6 sacks, 13 tackles for a loss in '94).
47. EAST CAROLINA	7-5	QB Marcus Crandell is every bit as good as former Pirate Jeff Blake.
48. KANSAS	6-5	Running back tandem of L.T. Levine and June Henley should keep KU above .500.
49. MICHIGAN ST.	5-6	QB Tony Banks is the most efficient passer returning in the Big Ten.

50. AIR FORCE	8-4	Air Force will mount another ground attack this season behind the nation's No. 2 rushing game (304.8 ypg) from a year ago.
51. IOWA	5-5-1	Junior Sedrick Shaw was one of nine Big Ten backs to rush for more than 1,000 yards last season.
52. LSU	4-7	Tigers' defense was first in the SEC and 11th in the nation a year ago.
53. BOWLING GREEN	9-2	Falcons still stinging from last year's loss to Central Michigan, which cost them a berth in the Las Vegas Bowl.
54. SOUTHERN MISS	6-5	QB Heath Graham had better freshman year than former Golden Eagle Brett Favre.
55. MARYLAND	4-7	Simon says get junior WR Geroy Simon (77 catches) the ball.
56. CALIFORNIA	4-7	Here's an easy name to remember: Ikeany Uweazuoke. He caught 56 balls for 716 yards a year ago.
57. WASHINGTON ST.	8-4	Cougars lost seven All-Pac-10 players from their defense.
58. WYOMING	6-6	WR Marcus Harris resembles another Cowboys receiver, Dallas' Michael Irvin.
59. UTAH	10-2	The Utes lost 10 All-WAC players, including seven first-teamers.
60. ARKANSAS	4-7	No one wants to get in the trenches with the Hogs' defensive front.
61. MEMPHIS	6-5	Tigers ranked third nationally in total defense (252.2 ypg) last season.
62. PITTSBURGH	3-8	Running back Billy West (1,372 yards) may be the best in the East, too.
63. OKLAHOMA ST.	3-7-1	Former Colorado assistant Bob Simmons takes the reins for the Cowboys.
64. ARIZONA ST.	3-8	Sun Devils took plunge last season despite QB Jake Plummer.
65. RICE	5-6	Owls won a share of the SWC title (who didn't?) last season despite losing record.
66. MINNESOTA	3-8	Gopher RB Chris Darkins is a menace to Big Ten opponents.
67. OREGON STATE	4-7	The Beavers rushed for almost 100 yards per game more than any other Pac-10 team last season.
68. STANFORD	3-7-1	Tyrone Willingham replaces Bill Walsh, who left to take a high-paying tutoring job.
69. TULSA	3-8	Golden Hurricane lost four games by a touchdown last season.
70. MISSISSIPPI	4-7	RB Dou Innocent (1,190 all-purpose yards) is not guilty of last year's record.
71. MISSOURI	3-8-1	QB Jeff Handy is no longer handy, which could spell trouble for Mizzou.
72. NEW MEXICO	5-7	The Lobos are more than a stone's throw away from the top of the WAC standings now that QB Stoney Case is gone.
73. NORTHWESTERN	3-7-1	Punter Paul Burton (43.0 avg.) is the Big Ten's best.
74. WEST MICHIGAN	7-4	Three of four losses a year ago were by a field goal.
75. CINCINNATI	2-8-1	Bearcats fell hard after 8-3 season two years ago.
76. KENTUCKY	1-10	Sophomore return specialist Kio Sanford can outfox the best of them.
77. SMU	1-9-1	Guess who spoiled Texas A&M's perfect season last year?
78. VANDERBILT	5-6	Coach Rod Dowhower and Michigan State's Nick Saban were both assistants with the

79. HAWAII	3-8-1	Cleveland Browns last season. The Rainbows must find a way to beat someone from outside the Pac-10 this season.
80. GEORGIA TECH	1-10	Hard to believe Tech won a share of the national title just 4½ years ago.
81. FRESNO ST.	5-7-1	RB Jerome Oliver (1,106 yards) gives the normally pass-oriented Bulldogs a twist.
82. IOWA STATE	0-10-1	Never mind the score (28-12), the Cyclones played the 'Huskers as tough as anyone last season.
83. TEMPLE	2-9	Hey, hey, hey... Bill Cosby must like what he sees of QB Henry Burris.
84. BALL ST.	5-5-1	First-year coach Bill Lynch must replace LB Kevin Johnson's 196 tackles.
85. WAKE FOREST	3-8	Demon Deacons need to improve on last year's 2.8-yards-per-carry average.
86. UTEP	3-7-1	RB Toriano Singleton (1,277 yards) is the top returning rusher in the WAC.
87. HOUSTON	1-10	The run-and-shoot is a distant memory.
88. TULANE	1-10	A wave of starters (16) return for Green Wave.
89. SW LOUISIANA	6-5	Ragin' Cajuns should run with the 'Pack in the Big West.
90. ARMY	4-7	Three straight wins over Navy, including last year's 22-20 thriller.
91. NO. ILLINOIS	4-7	Even without LeShon Johnson, Huskies averaged 228.7 rushing yards per game last season.
92. MIAMI (OHIO)	5-5-1	RB Deland McCullough (1,103 yards) returns for the other Miami.
93. CENT. MICHIGAN	9-3	Chippewas will have difficult time defending MAC title.
94. PACIFIC	6-5	Have Tigers (at Arizona, Nebraska and Oregon) gone off the deep end?
95. NAVY	3-8	New coach Charlie Weatherbie can endear himself to Midshipmen fans by beating the Cadets.
96. TOLEDO	6-4-1	Rockets ready for liftoff if defense improves.
97. EAST MICHIGAN	5-6	Former Utah offensive coordinator Rick Rasnick inherits team on four-game winning streak.
98. NEW MEXICO ST.	3-8	Lucious Davis gives Big West two of the nation's top receivers, including Nevada's Alex Van Dyke.
99. LOUISIANA TECH	3-8	Bulldogs could surprise in Big West.
100. UNLV	7-5	Rebels have cause to be happy. They join WAC in '96.
101. AKRON	1-11	Zips avoided being zipped last season with win over Ohio.
102. NE LOUISIANA	3-8	Last year's Div. I-A newcomer fared well at the end of last season, beating Kentucky and playing BYU tough.
103. UTAH ST.	1-10	Former Idaho coach John L. Smith takes over for Weatherbie.
104. SAN JOSE ST.	3-8	Opponents found the way to San Jose's end zone far too often last season.
105. ARKANSAS ST.	1-10	Indians' pass defense was 22nd in the nation a year ago.
106. KENT ST.	2-9	Golden Flashes nearly knocked off Bowling Green (22-16 loss) last season.
107. NORTH TEXAS	7-4-1	Last year's Southland Conference champ makes the big step to Div. I-A.
108. OHIO U.	0-11	Bobcats have nowhere else to go but up.

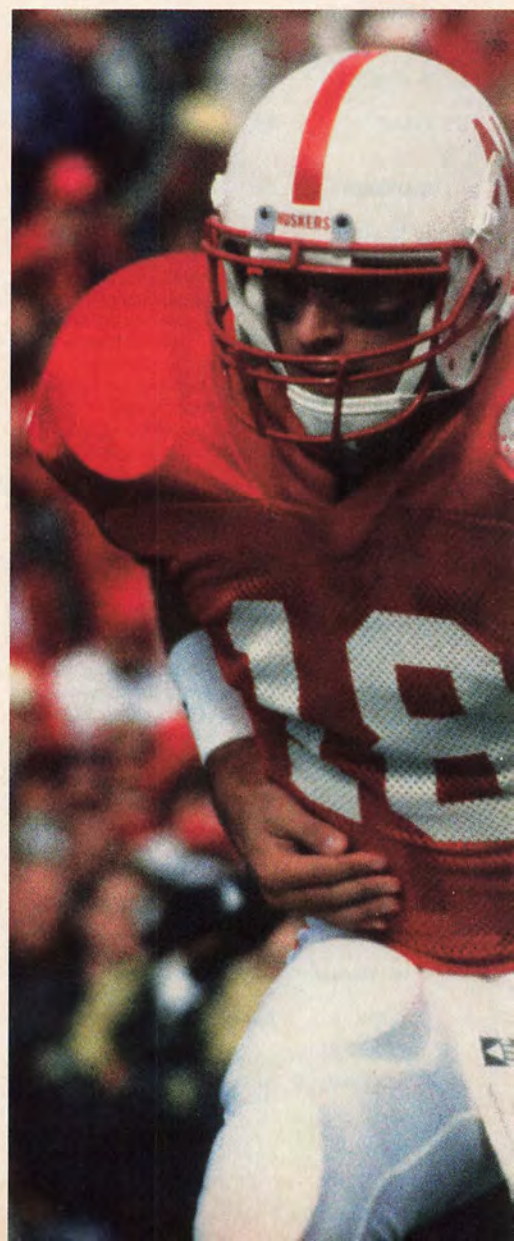


Tommie Frazier started the 1994 season for Nebraska and finished it in the fourth quarter of the Orange Bowl.

At Nebraska, two quarterbacks may be better than one as the Cornhuskers shoot for a second straight national title

By TOM SHATEL

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SIKER



Nothing beat Brook Berringer last season, not even a partially collapsed lung.

(SCENE: The office of a major Hollywood producer. A big-time movie mogul is sitting at his desk, talking over a script with a young screenwriter from Lincoln, Neb., who has driven out west in his red pickup truck).

Hollywood producer: "So, what's your idea?"

Screenwriter: "You better sit down for this one. It's about two quarterbacks who play for a major university in the Midwest. One is from Florida. His name is Tommie. The other guy is from small-town Kansas. He's Brook. They play in this state with nothing else to do, so everybody worships. . . ."

Producer: "Stop. A quarterback controversy? Big deal. We've had about 10 in the last five years at UCLA. Give me something else."

Screenwriter: "Wait. These aren't just any two quarterbacks. Tommie was a Heisman Trophy candidate. The team absolutely could not afford to lose him to injury. So what happens? He doesn't just get injured. He gets a blood clot. In two different spots in his leg! Doctors say he's gone for the year. Maybe forever."

Meanwhile, here comes Brook, like the kid at the back of the class who hasn't said boo all year—you didn't even know he was there. Brook has a nice arm and movie-star looks, but he's never played. And this is the No. 1 team in the country. . . ."

Producer: "So?"

Screenwriter: "So, Brook gets hurt in his first game. Collapsed lung. That night, Tommie is in the hospital, getting some tests, when they wheel Brook in right next to him. Tommie almost falls off the table."

Brook plays the next two weeks with this partially collapsed lung. Then he wins the

biggest game of the year. Suddenly, fans have forgotten what his name is. They love Brook. He leads them to an Orange Bowl berth against Miami for the national championship. But, suddenly, guess who comes back?"

Producer: "No way. Tommie?"

Screenwriter: "Right. Almost magically, the clot cleared up. Doctors cleared him to play in the Orange Bowl. The whole state is divided on the issue. Some say they can't win without Brook, the passer. Others favor Tommie, the runner."

Meanwhile, Tommie's got a chance of being in serious danger if he is hit and starts bleeding, but he plays anyway. No, he starts. But Miami goes ahead. So Brook plays the second and third quarters, keeps his team in the game. But he throws an interception and the coach decides to gamble. He puts Tommie in for the fourth quarter. They win the coach's first national championship.

Now, they are both seniors. They aren't enemies. But they aren't exactly friends, either. But either one could win the Heisman Trophy this year—if he starts.

But what if they switch off all season? Maybe one of them quits. Hey, we could do a whole riot scene in this one. . . ."

Producer: "We could call it 'Return of The Two-Headed Quarterback.'"

Screenwriter: "I think if I call today I can get Tom Arnold. . . ."

Producer: "Get on it. It's got potential."

Tommie Frazier had just re-entered the Orange Bowl in the fourth quarter. Nebraska trailed 17-9 and Miami's Warren Sapp, who had just sacked Frazier, turned to the quarterback, smirked and said, "Tommie, where you been?"

"It's not where I've been," Frazier said. "It's where I'm going."

Where he and Nebraska were going was the end zone, twice on runs by fullback Cory Schlesinger, as the Cornhuskers rallied for a dramatic 24-17 come-from-behind victory and coach Tom Osborne's first national championship.

Looking back, Frazier believes the tag-team quarterback strategy worked like a well-conceived secret weapon against the Hurricanes.

"I think it was," Frazier said. "Brook [Berringer] did things to keep them off-balance and set it up for when I came in there. Miami wasn't ready for the option in the fourth quarter. It made me fresh for the fourth quarter. I was the fastest player on the field."

So tag-team quarterbacks is the way to go in 1995, right? What defensive coordinator could possibly prepare for them? It's easy to see this will be the newest trend in football. Recruit a passer, like Berringer, and a runner, like Frazier, and keep the opponent guessing all the way to the trophy stand in Tempe. Right?

"Everyone handled it real well last year and nobody let down, but it was still an awkward

situation," Berringer said. "I think they would have to name one starter, although Coach has shown he's not afraid to play two. But I'm not sure he wants to do that long-term."

Ditto from his tag-teammate.

"I'd rather have one guy," Frazier said. "You don't want your starting quarterback looking over his shoulder. If he makes a mistake, stay with him. But there's no guarantee that it won't happen again."

There are usually many guarantees with Osborne, whose power-I offense changes about as often as Republicans run Congress. But entering the 1995 season, not even Osborne is certain about this X-factor. He has a team capable of repeating as national champions, and he has two senior quarterbacks who know how to get there.

Osborne's slide-rule quarterback grading system got a workout in 15 spring practices, including a head-to-head spring game. He had the two quarterbacks even after the spring game, and said he would let the 29 fall practices and three scrimmages tell him who's No. 1 going into the Sept. 9

opener at Michigan State.

But the tag-team will be in effect most games. As a general rule, Osborne likes to play two quarterbacks in the first half, in case the backup has to play in the second half.

"You'd rather not [play two]," Osborne said. "It just depends. I don't want to penalize a guy who has played real well. I would hate to tell a guy to stand there and wait for one guy to get hurt."

It happened last year to Frazier. And nobody knew how. Or why.

"Doctors said the blood clot was caused by trauma," Frazier said. "There's no history of heart problems in my family. It just happened. It will probably never happen again."

Frazier still remembers the shock of the final week last September, when he was hospitalized with a blood clot that formed just above the back of his right knee. That clot was dissolved, but another re-formed in the same spot in early October. That led to minor surgery to tie off the vein in his right calf that doctors thought might be affecting the area of the clotting.

Frazier was expected to be on medication for at least three months.

But Frazier was a fast healer. The clot cleared, his leg strengthened and doctors cleared him to play in the Oklahoma game the day after Thanksgiving. His return was as much of a shock as his sudden departure.

By late winter, Frazier still was taking his anti-coagulant medication, Coumadin, as a precaution. But already he could tell the difference. Frazier said he wasn't full-speed in the Orange Bowl. And in winter conditioning tests, Frazier felt like his right leg was going to give out. His physician, Dr. Deepak Gangahar, told him it was a result of the surgery and not lifting weights. Nothing to worry about. So Frazier hasn't.

"I plan on coming back and making a run at it again," Frazier said. "I'm not going to let the injury affect me."

The memories will keep him going. Frazier had been a starter all three years at Nebraska. Now, suddenly, he didn't want to show his face around the team. He sat on the bench during games in his No. 15 jersey and jean shorts and, often, had a sad face. His appeal for a one-year medical hardship from the NCAA failed (the Kickoff Classic gave him four appearances and, unlike bowl games, the NCAA did not waive preseason games). Given that, he was going to play in the Orange Bowl—no matter what.

Along the way, his spirits were raised by his mentor, quarterbacks coach Turner Gill. In 1981, Gill had suffered a nerve injury as a sophomore and his career, too, had been in doubt. But he, too, came back.

"Coach Gill told me, 'Great ones learn from injuries, weak ones don't,'" Frazier said. "He put that challenge to me."

Frazier has always been good with challenges. The Bradenton, Fla., quarterback signed with Nebraska—in part because Florida State and Miami wanted him only on

defense—one month after the Cornhuskers suffered an embarrassing 22-0 loss to Miami in the 1992 Orange Bowl. In fact, Osborne visited the Frazier house the day after that game. Frazier's father told the coach, "You didn't have a very good night."

Frazier changed that in 1992. He was the first true freshman to ever start at quarterback for Nebraska. He has also overcome the personal struggle of seeing his big brother, Melvin, land in a Florida prison, where he currently serves a 9-year sentence.

But after the blood-clot season, he felt himself grow.

"It was a circumstance where football was high up here, on this level, and you are able to evaluate life around you," Frazier said. "You appreciate it more because you never know . . . one injury and it's over with."

"Of everything I've done in football, nothing hit me more, and nothing is more exciting than winning the Orange Bowl and the national championship. Very few people get to play for one, let alone win it."

Berringer would like everyone to know that he won it, too. Even in his greatest moment it was easy to overlook Berringer. Ever since he signed with Nebraska, Frazier had talked of winning a national title. The story at the Orange Bowl was Frazier's return, Frazier starting. And then, when the game was decided in the fourth quarter, it was Frazier running the option, Frazier leading the charge.

Berringer watching. Again.

But he had made a difference in the Orange Bowl. Osborne's plan had been to start Frazier, but play Berringer in the second quarter and go with whoever was hot in the second half. Berringer played well enough to stay in. He completed eight of 15 passes for 81 yards and a second-quarter touchdown pass that kept Nebraska from being buried emotionally.

Only an early fourth-quarter interception—on an ill-advised call by Osborne—and Osborne's own gut feeling to go with Frazier and the option against Miami's worn-down defense kept Berringer from possibly becoming the hero of the Orange Bowl. But deep down, he knew what he had done.

"I thought it might come down to one guy getting all the glory," Berringer said. "I figured somebody might come out looking like a hero. I felt good about the way I played. Tommie was on the field when the game was being decided, but it didn't make me feel I made any less of a contribution."

Asked if he could have done what Frazier did in the fourth quarter, Berringer doesn't hesitate to answer.

"I don't think there's any question I would have gotten the job done," Berringer said. "We had them whipped. No question."

Nor is there any question in Berringer's mind that he deserved to start the Orange Bowl.

"It wasn't Tommie's fault that he got hurt," Berringer said. "It wasn't my fault



Nebraska coach Tom Osborne must decide between Frazier and Berringer before the Sept. 9 opener against Michigan State.

that I played well. At that point, I felt I had gotten us to that point."

Berringer's voice exudes a new-found confidence that few around Nebraska knew existed in this tall, dark stranger. Even after he had led Nebraska to two victories with a partially-collapsed lung and an offense reduced to between-the-tackles handoffs to protect his lung, people around the country were saying Nebraska was toast. Frazier was gone and now this Berringer guy was in there.

And then he beat Colorado, calmly and efficiently. Soon, you could see a transformation taking place. Nebraska players and fans were confident in Berringer. And it was all over his face and in the tone of his voice.

"Confidence is the biggest factor," Berringer said. "Sometimes a guy comes from a small school and doesn't face the competition other guys do in high school. He doesn't have the confidence."

The people in Goodland, Kan., a town of about 5,000 just 15 miles from the Colorado border on Interstate 70, knew better. They had seen Berringer, an avid hunter and athlete, take on the world his entire life.

The day he was born in Scottsbluff, Neb., Berringer's father bought him a fishing license and went home and hung it on his wall. Two years later, 2-year-old Brook caught his first fish. His father took a picture of it, and they took it home and cleaned it and cooked it. Brook made sure everyone had a bite.

Brook went hunting with his father when he was 20 months old. His mother, Jan, would pack a lunch bag and a diaper bag. By the time he was 7, he took the hunting safety course and aced it. And then he went out and bagged his first pheasant.

"He's probably the only kindergarten student to get out of school for three days to go antelope hunting in Montana with his father," Jan said.

His childhood exploits weren't limited to fields and streams. When he was 3, Berringer's mother saw him unhook the training wheels on his bike and go flying off down the street. At age 7, he sneaked off while on a family ski trip and hit the slopes by himself.

Berringer never had time for training wheels or ski lessons. His father died when he was 7. All those things he did so early in life were because of his father. The old man knew he was dying of cancer. He knew he better cram as much as he could into their short time together. What Warren Berringer did was pass on his love for hunting and fishing, and those lessons in the wilds of Kansas have served Brook well.

Berringer showed that last year in Miami. And Brook knows his father was watching, too.

"I think about my Dad all the time," Berringer said. "I wish he had the opportunity to be there last year. My Mom and Dad were set in their ways, how they wanted to raise their children. Even without my Dad



THE NUMBERS: FRAZIER VS. BERRINGER

1994 REGULAR SEASON

	G/GS	ATT.	COMP.	INT.	YDS	TD	RUSH YDS	RUSH TDS
BERRINGER	12/7	151	94	5	1,295	10	279	6
FRAZIER	4/4	44	19	2	273	4	248	6

ORANGE BOWL

	ATT.	COMP.	INT.	YDS	TD	RUSH YDS
BERRINGER	8	15	1	81	1	-4
FRAZIER	3	5	1	25	0	31

there, my Mom raised me with certain values.

"It made me tough. I had to go through some lonely times after my Dad died. I lost my hero, my friend, my idol. It helped me to be a stronger person, to depend on myself."

That inner strength helped when Berringer arrived four seasons ago to find "we had 13 quarterbacks here." It helped in 1992, when he was the second-team quarterback along with Tony Veland (now a safety) and watched as Frazier leap-frogged him. It helped all those years when it looked like Berringer would never, ever play at Nebraska.

Until last year. Now, Berringer offers no apologies.

"I paid my dues," Berringer said. "I've worked my tail off since I stepped on campus. I don't think I'll let it stop here. I'm going to go out and try to be the best I can be."

The story moves to August. It may be the most competitive quarterback battle in college football in a long time. The tension will rise between two competitors who both agree are not close. As Berringer says,

"We're not close friends, probably for a lot of different reasons. We're different people. Leave it at that."

But they both respect what the other has done. Frazier says, "I take my hat off to him." Berringer adds, "He did a great job of keeping his head up."

Neither knows what will happen, how the other will react, how Osborne will handle the quarterback job this fall. All they know is, after 1994 made them tag-teammates, they can't wait to find out how the story ends.

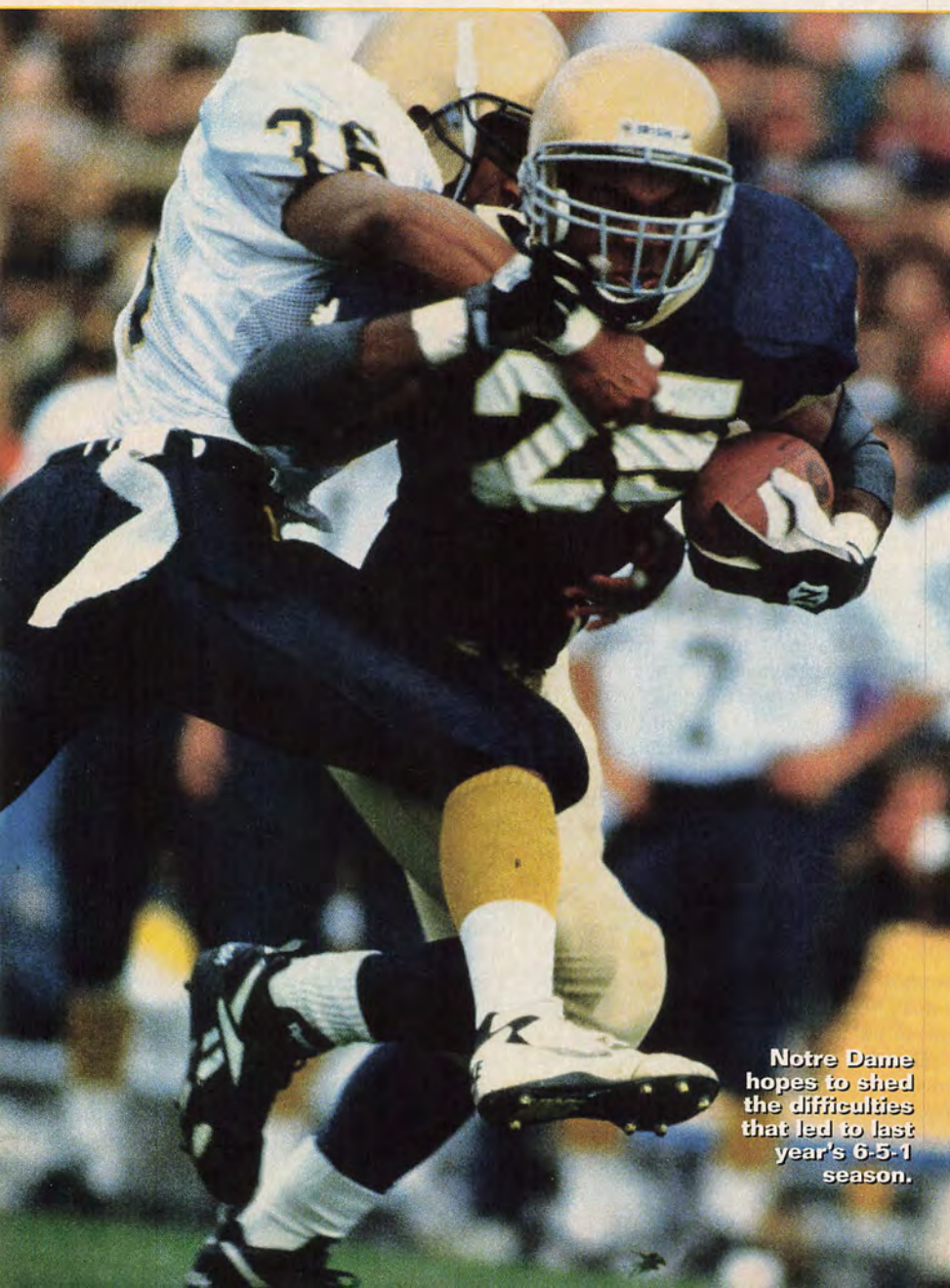
"It's time to come out and prove myself again," Frazier said. "I'm the type of person who likes pressure and competition."

"This is the first time since I've been here I've had a legitimate chance to compete," Berringer said. "Every play is going to be graded. There will be nowhere to hide when they have the cameras going."

It should be more great theater.

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FIGHTING BACK



Notre Dame hopes to shed the difficulties that led to last year's 6-5-1 season.

Notre Dame, embarrassed in '94, gets its Irish up and vows to return to the top

By JOE TYBOR

Oh, how Notre Dame fans long for the good old days. You remember, when Lou Holtz cried doom, ran his team down verbally and made gridiron monsters out of the likes of Rice, Purdue and Air Force. Reporters would snicker, battered opponents would limp home.

But last year, Holtz and the Fighting Irish looked like the walking wounded. Holtz's teams had been in the national championship hunt five times between 1988 and 1993. The only season they were out of it during that period was in 1991. Even then, they were serious contenders until the second week of November when they blew a 31-7 lead and lost to Tennessee.

In those days, Holtz would bemoan the lack of a running game and toughness in his offensive line, fume over the inconsistency in his special teams and the lack of big plays by his defense — ironically, all of those alleged problems are exactly what ailed his team last season. Looking back to those glory years, Holtz's only real problem then was a credibility gap between how good his teams were and how good he said they weren't.

Holtz must wish he had those teams and their "problems" now — players like Raghib "Rocket" Ismail, Jerome Bettis, Tim Grunhard,

hard, Rick Mirer, Chris Zorich, Ricky Watters, Aaron Taylor and Bryant Young. Can it be only two seasons since the pollsters voted the Irish No. 2 behind a Florida State team they had pretty much dominated in their face-to-face meeting?

How the mighty have fallen.

The difference between last year's edition of the Fighting Irish — Holtz's worst in nine seasons — and the 1993 team which finished second to the Seminoles seems to have spanned eras, not months. One startling statistic tells it best: the Irish have won only two of their last seven games.

Pause to consider that one single fact about the most successful team in college football history. Their 6-5-1 final record masks their horrible 2-4-1 performance season-ending slide. There hasn't been a measure of futility like that during a season in South Bend since the Gerry Faust years in the early '80s.

In truth, the Irish couldn't block, run, tackle or kick with any consistency last year. They couldn't knock down a pass or intercept one — at least when it counted. Team leadership and unity were a mirage at times. There were injuries to key players such as senior running backs Ray Zellars and Lee Becton, and different offensive line combinations started in eight of the final nine games.

After a brilliant debut in which he threw four touchdowns against Northwestern, Ron Powlus lapsed into uncertainty and indecision as he repeatedly got pounded and pressured while his line floundered against meaner, stronger, quick-

er and more experienced defenses.

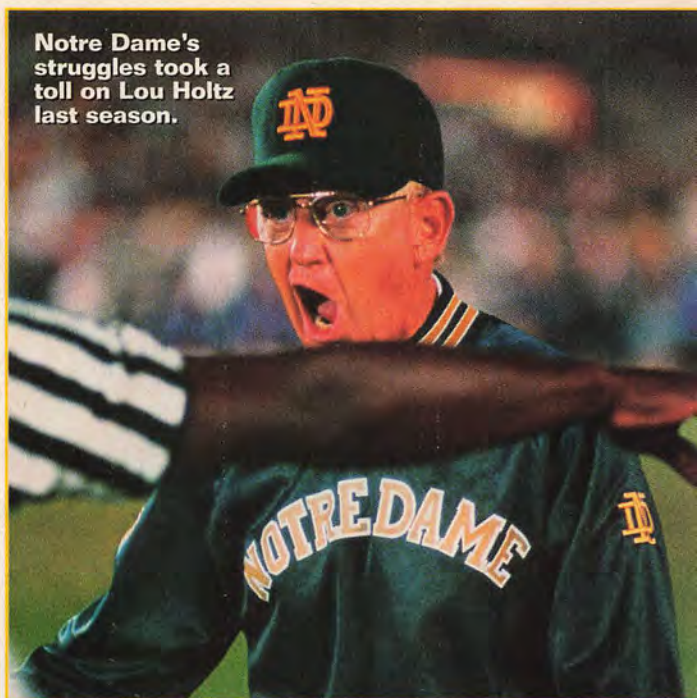
It is said, of course, that the Irish do not rebuild, they reload. Heading into this season, Holtz and his staff have a superb freshman recruiting class. But the Irish will have to find leadership and playmakers among upperclassmen and sophomores whose talent has been thinned and whose confidence has been shaken.

The top priority is stabilizing the offensive line and giving Powlus the time and the confidence to exploit his raw skills. The Irish will need another speedy receiver to take the double-team away from All-America candidate Derrick Mayes. They have to rebuild the entire defense, and, specifically, instill a ball-hawk mentality in the secondary.

Holtz and his players say they refuse to look back at last season, except to glean what lessons they could to ensure it doesn't happen again.

"It is easy to look back and say, 'We should have done this and we should have done that,'"

Notre Dame's struggles took a toll on Lou Holtz last season.



Holtz said. "But I don't look back to second-guess. I look back to learn."

Unfortunately for Irish fans, there were many examples to learn from. The pratfalls of last season occurred over and over again. The

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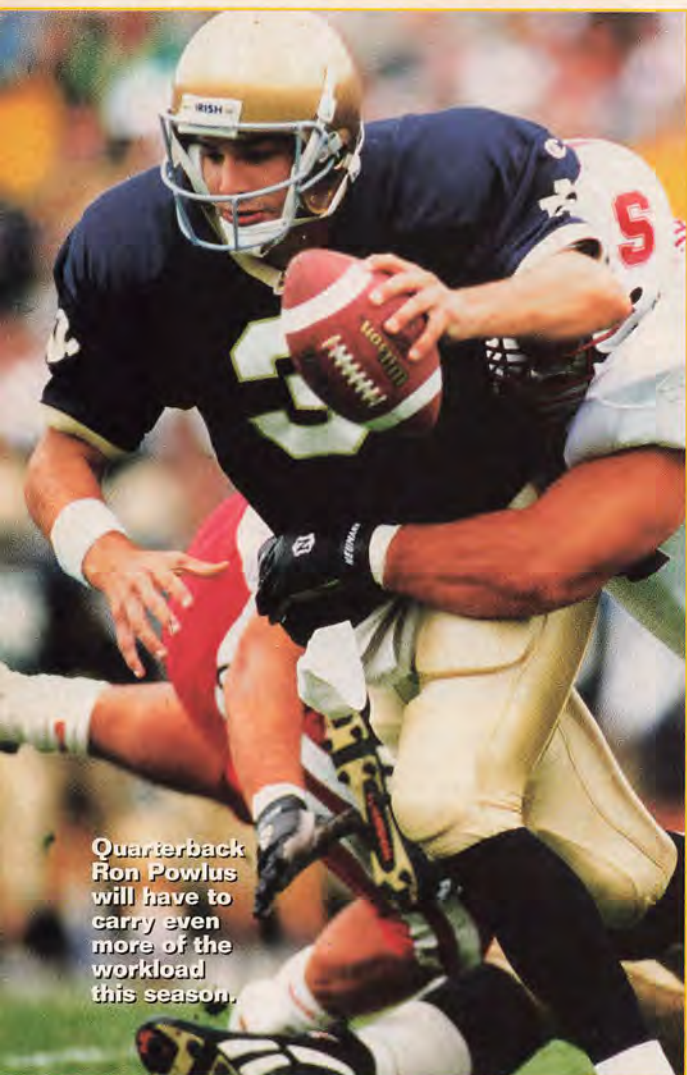
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Quarterback Ron Powlus will have to carry even more of the workload this season.

Irish were beaten in the final seconds by Michigan, trounced by Boston College, outplayed by Brigham Young, downed by Florida State and tied by Southern Cal when a chip-shot field goal was blocked.

By the time the Irish sneaked into the Fiesta Bowl with a 6-4-1 record, team morale was in shambles. Several players, including some seniors, failed to make curfew four days before the game, and Holtz cancelled a day's worth of practice while the offenders reportedly paid for their transgressions with exhaustive running and crab-walking.

So it was that the green jerseys Holtz ordered worn for the game with Colorado became more a symbol of desperation than motivation. Colorado manhandled the Irish, 41-24 and sent them reeling to a 6-5-1 record, Holtz's worst since his 1986 debut with the Irish.

"Last season was a bad season for us," Powlus said with understated truth. "But we want to wipe that out of our heads and play this season for this season alone. This year, we need to jell more as a team and to be more together. We need to become familiar with each other. We need more cohesion on the team."

The operative word this season is "attitude" — as in "adjustment."

"It's time to get moving and get back on track," junior flanker Emmett Mosley said. "We could have controlled everything that

led to that record [last season]. We know the games we lost we should have won. We got beat because we didn't pull together like we should have.

"That's something we really want to change this year."

Powlus will be one of the keys. Holtz says the sophomore quarterback must be the glue.

Much was made of Powlus and the unfulfilled expectations after all the preseason hype, but he arguably had a better debut season than any quarterback in Notre Dame history. Neither Joe Montana, Joe Theismann, Tom Clements nor Miler could match Powlus' overall statistics in their first season as the starter at Notre Dame. His 119 completions were the most for any Irish first-year quarterback and his 19 touchdowns were a Notre Dame single-season record. Powlus threw nine interceptions. In 1964, Notre Dame's Heisman winner John Huarte threw 11 in one less game.

"If you would really sit down objectively and look at what Ron Powlus did last year, you would have to be absolutely impressed," Holtz said. "The guy hadn't played football in college ever and he had been away from the game of football for a year [because of a twice-broken collarbone].

"He steps into a situation and throws more touchdowns than any quarterback has thrown in Notre Dame's history and he did it with only one proven receiver, without the advantage of having a tremendous running game and without having a great deal of protection."

Though he has only one season under his belt, Powlus is an academic junior and will be looked upon to shoulder the leadership load this year. "Ron Powlus has to become one of the strong leaders on [this season's team]," Holtz said.

"If you took a brand new car," Holtz said, "and you gave it to an individual who could not drive, that car would not be of very much use, nor would it be very, very productive. If you took an average car and gave it to a good driver, you would be able to go virtually anywhere you wanted to. It is the same thing with a football team."

"You can take a tremendously talented football team and give it to an inferior quarterback and that football team is never going to be a good, solid offensive football team. But you take decent talent and put it with a great competitor and great leader at quarterback and, all of a sudden, wonderful things will happen."

"Ron Powlus is a pretty good leader. He has to take that maturity this year and take more responsibility for the overall performance of

our offensive football team and not just the overall performance of the quarterback."

With tailback Becton and fullback Zellars out much of last season because of injuries, the offense sputtered. Only wide receiver Mayes shone. Mayes, who set a Notre Dame single-season record for touchdown receptions with 11, chose to pass up the NFL draft and return for his senior season. He is the one sure bright spot on the offense.

The Irish return a good fullback in junior Marc Edwards and promising tailbacks in juniors Randy Kinder (702 yards, 5.9-yard average in '94) and Robert Farmer. But along with Powlus' leadership, the critical factor for the Irish on offense will be the line play.

Notre Dame never overcame the injuries and inexperience there last season. This year, the line was intact much of spring practice and, barring injury, should have the time to develop the cohesion and consistency to return Notre Dame's ground game to the vaunted, power-running attack that Holtz relies on.

Dusty Zeigler (6-foot-6, 288 pounds) started out at guard last year and was switched to center midway through last season and has All-America potential at that position. The tackles, 6-8 Chris Clevenger and 6-7 Mike Doughty, show promise as well as size. Ryan Leahy, hobbled by injuries last season, returns for a fifth year and will play guard. Jeremy Akers, who was a starter at both tackle and guard last season before he hurt his shoulder, will battle Steve Missetic at left guard.

Should the offensive line jell under the tutelage of line coach Joe Moore, the Irish could be set for a while. All except Leahy will have at least one more season of eligibility remaining after this year.

"I know they're going to be great tackles, but we can't wait," Moore said of Clevenger and Doughty. "It's got to be this year."

"We expect them to control the line of scrimmage in every game. That's what we expect of them. We want to be the best line in America. Right now, we're not and we've got work to do."

In the aftermath of last year's repeated failures, Holtz said his offense was too complicated. It will start out much simpler this season.

One of his favorite plays is the option, which Powlus had difficulty running last season. This year, Powlus has taken off quite a few pounds — down to 211 from a high of 223 — and that should help his mobility.

On defense, the biggest loss for the Irish is cornerback Bobby Taylor, who opted for the NFL after his junior season. Senior safety Brian Magee and fifth-year cornerback Shawn Wooden will be the veterans. The unit has to sharpen its aggressiveness and make plays on the ball.

Holtz hired Tom McMahon, who coached the secondary at Wisconsin when it led the nation in interceptions in its Rose Bowl year of '93, and was pleased with the early results in spring practice.

"There are no prima donnas [in the secondary]," McMahon said. "We don't have anyone the pros are waiting on. We just have a group of guys who are really getting after it."

Senior Paul Grasmanis will anchor the defensive line at nose guard and another senior, Renaldo Wynn, has been moved from outside linebacker to a down lineman position to provide interior quickness. The Irish

lost their entire starting linebacker corps to graduation, but juniors Lyrion Cobbins, Kinnon Tatum and pass-rush specialist Bert Berry have had sufficient playing experience to mitigate the losses.

"We'll get 11 defensive players out there that will probably be a little quicker and a little more athletic in the long run than last year," defensive coordinator Bob Davie said.

After that, the pickings are slim.

It is hard to accept by those familiar with the perpetual lure of Notre Dame, but until this year's top-notch recruiting season, the talent pool under Holtz had diminished.

Ten Notre Dame players were chosen in the 1994 NFL Draft, three in the first round. Nine were chosen the previous year, four in the first round.

This year, however, four Fighting Irish players were taken and none were first-round selections.

During the season last year, Holtz took steps to improve his recruiting organization. After the hiring of former Michigan recruiting guru Bob Chmiel, the Irish landed one of the top high school classes in the country, and several of those incoming players are expected to make big contributions to the depth chart.

Holtz promises the kicking game will be improved with the recruitment of Kevin Kopka from Florida. Kopka is reputed to have a strong leg, although his statistics from his senior high school season are somewhat scary. He hit on one of nine field-goal attempts last year, but the word is that his high school team

lacked a long snapper and seven of those attempts were blocked.

Though Holtz refuses to get into specifics about team problems from last season, he talks about a new sense of attitude and discipline.

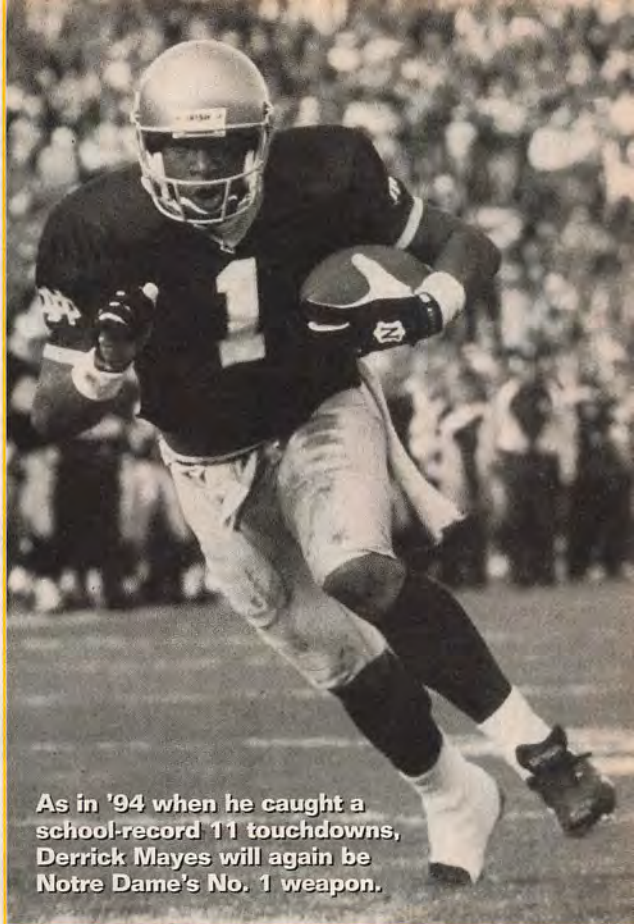
"The attitude is not one of enthusiasm, not one of jubilation and not one of confidence," he said. "The whole attitude of the football team is one of determination."

Yet, Holtz is quick to add that there "is no guarantee we're going to be a good football team."

Unlike those past years of glory, he may not be crying wolf. "We'd like to be a little more optimistic about this season," he said, "but we've got to be honest. Our talent level is down. We did not have the type of season we wanted, but it's over. All we can do is tighten our belts, and make whatever changes need to be made."

"All we want to do is bring it back as quickly as we can. Can it be this year? I have no guarantee, but Notre Dame will be back and it will be on top. I cannot tell you when, but Notre Dame will win the national championship again."

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As in '94 when he caught a school-record 11 touchdowns, Derrick Mayes will again be Notre Dame's No. 1 weapon.



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By PHIL MILLER

BYU's John Walsh would have been a Heisman Trophy candidate had he stuck around for his senior year.





Utah's Cal Beck ignited one of several upsets of Pac-10 teams last season.

Oregon may have shocked the college football world last season by blitzing the Pac-10 and earning its first Rose Bowl visit since 1958, but don't expect Western Athletic Conference coaches to be too impressed.

In 1994, the "Quack Attack" was no match for the "WAC Attack."

The Ducks, darlings of sportswriters on both coasts, spent Jan. 2 in Pasadena, thanks to their 7-1 conference record. But, had the Pac-10 champs been playing in the WAC, they wouldn't even have qualified for the Thrifty Car Rental Holiday Bowl. Two of the Ducks' four losses came against WAC members Hawaii and Utah.

"That's just an outstanding football league," former Oregon coach Rich Brooks said last September after the Utes dismantled his bowl team in Eugene, 34-16.

Trouble is, with outposts in places like Laramie and Fresno, El Paso and Provo — far from the nation's media centers — that message hasn't been widely heard.

Perhaps that's beginning to change, thanks to one of the greatest seasons in WAC football history. In 1994, three schools — Utah, Colorado State and Brigham Young — won 10 games and were ranked in the final *Associated Press* poll, a first for the WAC. The Utes' No. 10 ranking was the highest for a WAC team since Air Force was ranked eighth in 1985. The Rams (No. 16) and Cougars (No. 18) weren't far behind.

And perhaps even more significant for a league craving recognition, the WAC had some notable non-conference successes.

"I've always maintained that, for [the WAC] to move forward, we needed to start winning some big non-conference games," said BYU's LaVell Edwards, the dean of WAC coaches.

Mission accomplished.

Besides beating Oregon, Utah surprised Pac-10 preseason favorite Arizona; Colorado State beat then-No. 6 Arizona in Tucson; BYU easily outclassed traditional powers Notre Dame (in South Bend, no less) and Oklahoma; and Wyoming gave national champion Nebraska a scare in Lincoln before losing by 10 points. Even last-place Hawaii, which didn't win a conference game in 1994, twice beat Pac-10 schools (Oregon and California).

Brooks, for one, was impressed.

"There's no question the WAC's best can compete with the best in the Pac-10," said Brooks, now coach of the NFL's St. Louis Rams. "They've got some scary teams."

The numbers back him up. WAC teams were 7-3 against the Pac-10 in 1994.

"We proved there's not that much difference between the two leagues," said Colorado State coach Sonny Lubick, who turned down the Miami (Fla.) head coaching job in the offseason to stay with the defending WAC champions. "Top to bottom, we're pretty comparable."

Timing was important, too. It didn't hurt that two of the league's bigger non-conference victories — Utah's 16-13 win over Arizona in the Freedom Bowl and BYU's 31-6 thrashing of Oklahoma in the Copper Bowl — came in the postseason.



The heat came from Miami but Sonny Lubick stayed with Colorado State.

"Regardless of what we did in September, October, November, people really only remember what happens in December," said WAC commissioner Karl Benson, whose league was only 8-22-1 in bowl games over the preceding 10 years. "If we had lost all our bowl games, the media would have said, 'Well, the WAC was a fluke.'"

Truthfully, there are plenty of skeptics who still believe that, as Benson concedes. "It's important that we do it again, that we maintain this level of perception," he said. "We need to have a Top 10 team again."

Unfortunately for Benson and the WAC, that probably won't happen in '95. In fact, the WAC may have trouble placing anyone in the Top 25. The reason is simple — a shortage of arms.

When Edwards took over the Cougars 23 years and 207 victories ago, he turned BYU into one of the nation's premier passing programs, turning out such record-setting quarterbacks as Jim McMahon, Super Bowl XXIX MVP Steve Young and 1990 Heisman Trophy winner Ty Detmer.

Since the rest of the conference couldn't beat Edwards, they joined him, giving the wild WAC a reputation for offensive shootouts. It's a stereotype that the league's quarterbacks did nothing to dispel in 1994.

Six WAC schools finished among the nation's top 15 in both total offense and passing offense last season, and four WAC quarterbacks — Stoney Case of New Mexico, John

Walsh of BYU, Mike McCoy of Utah and Anthony Hill of Colorado State — were in the top 10 nationally in total offense. They combined for nearly 13,000 yards and 112 touchdowns between them.

But none of the four will be back this season.

Walsh could have returned for his senior season, giving the WAC a legitimate Top 10 contender. But the commander of the nation's third-best passing attack left early for the NFL draft, leaving the league devoid of any real Heisman Trophy candidates unless junior college transfer Steve Sarkisian can continue BYU's rich legacy at quarterback. Sarkisian, Edwards' first JUCO quarterback ever, brings plenty of credentials (8,659 yards passing, 41 touchdowns) to Provo.

Lubick has groomed sophomore Moses Moreno to take Hill's spot, and Air Force's

receiver Marcus Harris (71 catches for 1,431 yards as a sophomore) has the tools to be a real offensive star in the league.

The trend is no coincidence.

"Everyone recognizes the need to put good players on defense now," Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry said. "We've always had the great offensive players, but defense is what wins championships."

"Look at how we and Utah got so far," Lubick said. "You'll see a lot more defense around the league."

"Teams are putting guys who can run, guys who can make plays, on their defenses," agreed Utah's Ron McBride, whose Utes graduated 17 of their 22 Freedom Bowl starters — including all seven of their all-conference players — and will open 1995 without a quarterback who has taken more than a dozen Division I snaps.

It's a strategy that BYU adopted a decade ago. Stung by critics who suggested their 1984 national championship was undeserved, the Cougars made a determined effort to upgrade the class of their opposition. Miami, Notre Dame and Washington have made visits to Provo, and BYU gained some prestige with occasional victories over ranked teams.

With its 20-13-1 record against Division I-A opposition last season, the WAC as a whole took a similar step toward respectability.

And respect is a popular topic in this league.

"Yeah, it's something that's talked about. Sometimes people have a perception that the WAC isn't at that level with the bigger conferences," Benson said. "But I guarantee there is a greater level of respect today than there was back on Sept. 1. The WAC made its mark [last] year."

Funny thing is, the conference's football coaches don't think 1994 was an especially remarkable year.

"Hey, the WAC is always tough. Are you kidding?" said McBride, who has led Utah to three straight bowl games. "BYU's good every year. Air Force can beat anybody. New Mexico and San Diego [State] have a lot of talent. Every week you play somebody who can beat you. This isn't anything new."

"This wasn't some extra-special year. Things just fell right so people noticed a little more, that's all," said Lubick, who earned some consideration for national Coach of the Year by leading Colorado State to its first WAC championship in his second year as Rams coach. "There are some tough places to play in this league, and it'll be the same this year as last."

Lubick turned down a chance to apply for Miami's head coaching job when Dennis Erickson left in January, a decision, he jokes, that the WAC may make him regret.

"It's not getting any easier to win games in this league," he laughed. "Maybe that was a good chance to get out of here alive."

And, say the coaches, that will keep the WAC competitive in non-conference games as it pursues a long-range goal: entry into the Bowl Alliance.

Already impatient with its inability to attract an annual New Year's Day berth for its conference champion, the WAC's self-respect was stung again when it was shut out of football's new bowl setup. Especially galling to the WAC was the fact that the Big East and Atlantic Coast conference champions were automatically invited and they were not.

"We intend to prove a mistake was made by not including us," said Benson, whose league will add six new members in 1996 (Rice, TCU, SMU, Tulsa, San Jose State and UNLV). "Look at the ACC. Until Florida State joined, I'd say they were on a very comparable level with the WAC. The Big East adds Miami as its flagship and now it's got a football deal. We don't have that perennial Top 10 team like they do, but we believe, from top to bottom, WAC football is as good as those leagues."

Maybe being defensive will help after all.

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Players like Colorado State defensive end Sean Moran may enhance the WAC's defensive reputation.

Beau Morgan and San Diego State's Billy Blanton will return, but nobody expects to see such an effective foursome again anytime soon.

"That's the one thing that could be down this year," Lubick said. "We lost a lot of great quarterbacks, a lot of offensive firepower in this league."

That means the conference's reputation may soon rest upon — is this possible? — defense. Utah ranked 18th nationally in total defense in 1994 and CSU was 35th. That's quite a turnaround from 1993, when the league's best defense, Colorado State, ranked 70th.

This year, players like San Diego State defensive tackle La'Roi Glover, UTEP linebacker Michael Comer and Colorado State defensive back Greg Myers and defensive end Sean Moran promise to be among the WAC's top stars.

Other than perhaps Sarkisian, only Wyoming

So, can any of these teams gain the national prominence the WAC thirsts for?

"Sure, just about any of them," McBride said. "There's still a lot of talent left. It will be just as tough as ever this year."

The WAC will get its chance to prove just how tough soon enough. The 1995 season opens with 10 games in the first two weeks against big non-conference opposition, six of them on "Put-Up-or-Shut-Up" Saturday, Sept. 9. The games that day include Colorado State at Colorado, Fresno State at California, San Diego State at Oklahoma, UTEP at Arizona State, UCLA at BYU and Stanford at Utah.

The opportunity is there to make a big splash. Or a splat.

"You can't impress anybody unless you play them," Benson said.

ALEX VAN DYKE

NEVADA By BOB CUNNINGHAM

His name was never brought up when the Heisman Trophy was discussed following the 1994 season, though maybe it should have been. Alex Van Dyke, a 6-foot-1, 195-pound wide receiver, enjoyed a dream season for the University of Nevada in '94, leading the country with 98 receptions in 11 games. That's almost nine catches per Saturday, a phenomenal pace.

Van Dyke, a senior this fall, turned those receptions into 1,246 yards and 10 touchdowns. He filled virtually all the roles a receiver could have on a team, working ably as a possession receiver, the go-to man and a longball threat.

"I consider myself a game-breaking receiver," Van Dyke said modestly. "I want the ball in crunchtime."

Sure, Nevada had other receivers, but the primary chosen target for quarterback Mike Maxwell was Van Dyke. The two began the season last September against Northern Arizona by connecting 11 times for 129 yards.

In four other games, the tandem worked for double figures. Van Dyke's season-high for receptions was 15, achieved against Fresno State, but his best overall performance came in a victory over New Mexico State, when he caught 11 passes for 191 yards and three touchdowns, including an 80-yarder.

And as if that wasn't enough, he also excelled returning kicks. Against Northern Illinois, he returned a kickoff 90 yards for a score, accounting for the difference in a 35-31 Nevada victory.

"I didn't come to Nevada to break any records," Van Dyke said. "It's just turned out that way. I really just wanted to come and play and learn the game of football. Coming out of high school, I didn't know football. I still don't."

Perhaps, but he sure knows how to catch one. He followed a fruitful prep career with two seasons at Sacramento City College, the last resulting in more than 1,000 receiving yards, 12 touchdowns and his selection as the Noreal Conference most valuable player. It was a stint that Van Dyke maintains was instrumental in his success with the Wolf Pack last year. "JC definitely gets you ready for the university," he said.

Van Dyke credits much of his success to Nevada coach Chris Ault's offensive philosophy. "Coach has a great offense. It's an offense of mostly passing, which of course works in my favor," he said. "He knows he's got good receivers coming back this year, so I know we'll be throwing a lot again."

To Ault's credit, he knew he had something special from the moment Van Dyke rejected higher-profile programs at Oklahoma, Washington State, Texas Tech and Arizona to become a member of the Wolf Pack. In fact, Van Dyke never even visited any of those other schools, settling immediately on Nevada after his first and only recruiting visit.

Ault was aware of the catch before Van Dyke ever made one at Nevada. "I don't think we've ever had a receiver with his kind of speed," Ault said last August. "He can be as good as we've ever had. I think he has a chance to go play on Sundays. He's that special."

Adds Ault: "I'm familiar with [All-America candidate] Keyshawn Johnson at USC. He and Alex are two of a kind — except that Alex is faster."

Van Dyke has set some modest goals for '95, achievements that would certainly put him in line for a shot at being drafted by an NFL team come April of '96.

"I'd like to go out and maybe break my own records . . . 100 catches, yeah . . . maybe 1,300 yards. Most catches in a game. Stuff like that. I also want to work on the little things, like my routes and making sharp, precise cuts.

"I'm still learning."



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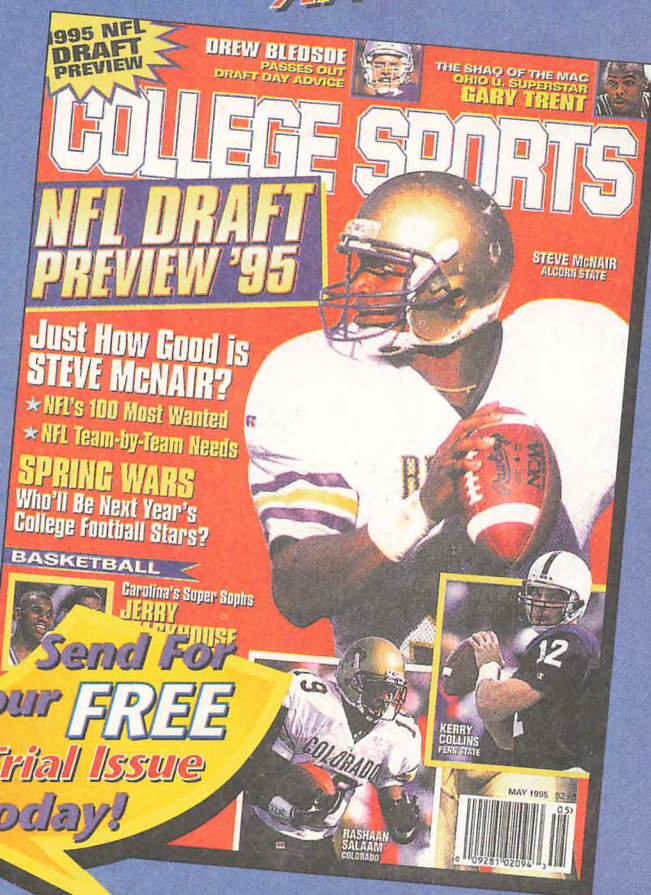
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THE NEXT BEST THING

The new Bowl Alliance may produce the national championship game everyone wants — without a playoff

By **MICHAEL BRADLEY**

Movement in college football circles tends to be a gradual phenomenon, much like the tectonic shifts that characterized the formation of the world's continents. At one point, all the land mass on earth was clumped together in a giant supercontinent of sorts. But over the course of several geological epochs, the giant mound began to break apart, and the planet's face we have come to know was formed.

Such has been the pace of progress in the

way college football chooses its champion. For more than 100 years, the game's best team has been chosen by a number of methods, none of which was particularly definitive. As time marched on, the selection process grew more and more refined and egalitarian. What was once the province of a few, select Eastern elite has become a relatively all-inclusive system that combines the wire-service poll and the revered postseason bowl game.

At this moment on the college football geologic calendar, we are presented with the Bowl Alliance, which represents a significant step

forward in the attempt to choose a champion without a playoff system. When contrasted with the previous plans, which were often sabotaged by conference tie-ins and quick-draw invitations, it appears progress has been made.

The Alliance seeks to pit the country's two best teams against each other to decide who is No. 1. It's not a perfect system, since neither the Big Ten nor Pacific-10 champions will be eligible to participate due to their ties to the Rose Bowl. But it's definitely better than last year's Bowl Coalition or the pre-Coalition postseason free-for-all.

The Big Ten's tie-in to the Rose Bowl could cost Joe Paterno's Nittany Lions a shot at the national title.

"The purpose of forming the Alliance was that if we weren't going to have a playoff, then we had to find something that was the closest thing to it," said Gene Corrigan, commissioner of the Atlantic Coast Conference and newly named President of the NCAA. "It's a shame the Big Ten and Pac-10 can't get involved, because if we had them, then the people who don't want a playoff would get what they wanted."

The NCAA spent much of 1994 trying to come up with a playoff system that would satisfy all of its assorted constituencies, but overwhelming opposition by Division I-A member institutions torpedoed that idea, much to the dismay of tournament activists in the media and coaching ranks.

Without support for a playoff, big-time college football administrators turned to the bowl system and tried to repair it to the point where it just might accomplish what everyone wants—a real, live game between the two best teams in college football. And it might just happen, provided the best team in the country isn't playing in the Rose Bowl, and provided there is no dispute at the top of the polls over who the first and second-ranked teams are. The Alliance is far from perfect and represents a home-improvement style patch job that could fly apart at the first sign of any trouble, but it could work. It beats the old system of tying nearly every conference champion to a specific bowl, and it's also better than what might have happened had the bowls been left to fend for themselves.

"The realistic alternative to the Alliance is three Rose Bowls, or three closed bowl games," said Tom Mickle, the ACC's assistant commissioner. "There's no doubt it would have happened. Everybody would have rushed to find some affiliation."

"We would have had something like the SEC champ versus the Big 12 champ in the Sugar, the ACC champ against the Big East winner in the Orange and the Pac-10 and Big Ten in the Rose Bowl."

While that might have represented a significant stride backward in the national championship selection process, it would have included a tasty bit of irony, since Notre Dame would have been frozen out of any game against a big-time conference champion (the Irish could always have cut a deal with the Western Athletic Conference winner) for the next few years. Who says progress is always good?

As one might expect, the Alliance is not the easiest thing to understand. It was created late last year when the Bowl Coalition's three-year contract expired, and after most university presidents discarded a collection of NCAA-sponsored playoff scenarios.

The Alliance, made up of the Big East, Big Eight, Southwest, Southeastern and Atlantic Coast conferences, along with Notre Dame (the Pac-10 and Big Ten are voting members but send their champions to the Rose Bowl), solicited bids from bowls

interested in hosting a potential national championship game. The two main criteria were money and location, with the first much more important than the second.

Thanks to TV and corporate sponsorship largesse, the Fiesta, Sugar and Orange Bowls won the bidding war and will rotate as the site for the possible national title game during the next three seasons. This year, the Fiesta will get the first two choices among the eligible Alliance members. The Orange will choose third and fifth and the Sugar will pick fourth and sixth. If there are two different teams rated No. 1 in the polls, they must play in the Fiesta (provided one isn't in the Rose Bowl). In any other case, the Fiesta will choose the No. 1 team and a No. 2 (again, if available).

The Orange and Sugar Bowls then select participants from the remaining teams, each hoping to put together an attractive game between schools with large enough followings to fill the seats. The Sugar Bowl gets first choice in '96, with the Orange waiting until 1997. The games will be held on the evenings of Dec. 31, Jan. 1 and Jan. 2 in an attempt to give each game the best chance for ratings.

There is some obligatory small type. Notre Dame is the sole "at-large" team in 1995, although there are two open slots in '96 and '97, a guard against a powerhouse WAC or independent team. If the Fighting Irish aren't ranked among the top 10 eligible bowl teams this season, they will be replaced by another

school that meets certain Alliance requirements (eight wins or a Top-12 ranking among them).

For now, the Alliance is the best possible answer to an impossible question. The Rose Bowl's contract with the Big Ten and Pac-10 runs through the year 2000's regular season. Only then could those two leagues consider breaking ranks with the oldest postseason game, despite reports to the contrary, which have intimidated Big Ten commissioner Jim Delany would like to alter the Rose tie-in.

"We're committed to the Rose Bowl," he said. "Do we look at the future? Yes. Would we consider the Alliance? Yes. Do we want to reconsider our contract with the Rose Bowl? No."

College football moves on. Slowly, but it moves. For now, the playoff proponents have been quieted, but the threatened shootout at the 1996 NCAA convention over Division I-A hegemony might lead to a reconsideration of the tournament idea down the line. The 1995 season champion could just be decided in Tempe next Jan. 2, something that would make a lot of people happy. And if a situation occurs like it did last season, when two undefeated teams don't face each other because of conflicting bowl ties, so be it. All that postseason arguing is part of what makes college football great, isn't it?

Unless you're a Penn State fan.

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1995-'96 BOWL SCHEDULE

BOWL	PARTICIPANT	PARTICIPANT	PAYOUT
Las Vegas	Mid-American No.1	Big West No. 1	\$250,000
Jeep Eagle Aloha	Pac-10 No. 4	\$Big Eight/SWC No. 5 or 6	\$750,000
Poulan/Weed Eater Indep.	Open	Open	\$750,000
Weiser Lock Copper	WAC No. 2	\$Big Eight/SWC No. 5 or 6	\$750,000
Freedom	Wac No. 3	Open	TBA
Sun	Pac-10 No. 3	Big Ten No. 5	\$1,000,000
Gator	ACC No. 2	Big East No. 2	\$1,500,000
Thrifty Car Rental Holiday	WAC No. 1 or Pac-10 No. 2	\$Big Eight/SWC No. 3	\$1,500,000
St. Jude Liberty	Liberty Bowl Alliance*	Open	\$750,000
Builder's Square Alamo	Big Ten No. 4	\$Big Eight/SWC No. 4	\$1,000,000
Peach	ACC No. 3	SEC No. 4	\$1,100,000
Federal Express Orange ‡	Alliance	Alliance	\$8,100,000
Outback	Big Ten No. 3	SEC No. 3	\$1,500,000
CompUSA Florida Citrus	Big Ten No. 2	SEC No. 2	\$2,500,000
Mobil Cotton	WAC No. 1 or Pac-10 No. 2	\$Big Eight/SWC No. 2	\$2,000,000
Carquest	Big East No. 3	SEC No. 5 or ACC No. 4	\$750,000
IBM/DS2 Fiesta ‡	Alliance	Alliance	\$12,000,000
Rose	Pac-10 No. 1	Big Ten No. 1	\$6,500,000
Nokia Sugar ‡	Alliance	Alliance	\$8,100,000

* Includes members of the future Big 12 Conference (the current Big Eight Conference teams plus Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech and Baylor of the Southwest Conference).

† Includes East Carolina, Tulane, Southern Mississippi, Memphis and Cincinnati.

‡ The Fiesta Bowl will host the top two ranked teams available from the conference champions pool (or Notre Dame) for this year's Bowl Alliance, with the Orange Bowl receiving the third and fifth choices and the Sugar Bowl choosing fourth and sixth. The order of selection among the three bowls changes as follows in 1996 and 1997 (1996 Season - 1st & 2nd Sugar; 3rd & 5th Fiesta; 4th & 6th Orange; 1997 Season - 1st & 2nd Orange; 3rd & 5th Sugar; 4th & 6th Fiesta).

DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXANS

The SWC makes its final stand this season, and not everyone is happy to see it go

By JONATHAN FEIGEN

Spike Dykes faithfully collected all the stickers the Humble Oil radio network offered. The front displayed a blue Mustang or a purple Horned Frog or burnt orange Longhorn. The back had that season's football schedule.

Dykes' hero was Doak Walker, so he was naturally an SMU fan. But it hardly mattered. He was "a Southwest Conference guy," the way Yankees fans followed the American League and Dodgers fans were loyal to the National League. And, every Saturday, all of Texas listened carefully as Kern Tips described the only games that mattered to Dykes and his buddies.

Like all kids, everything seemed to Dykes as if it would never change. Why would it? It was perfect.

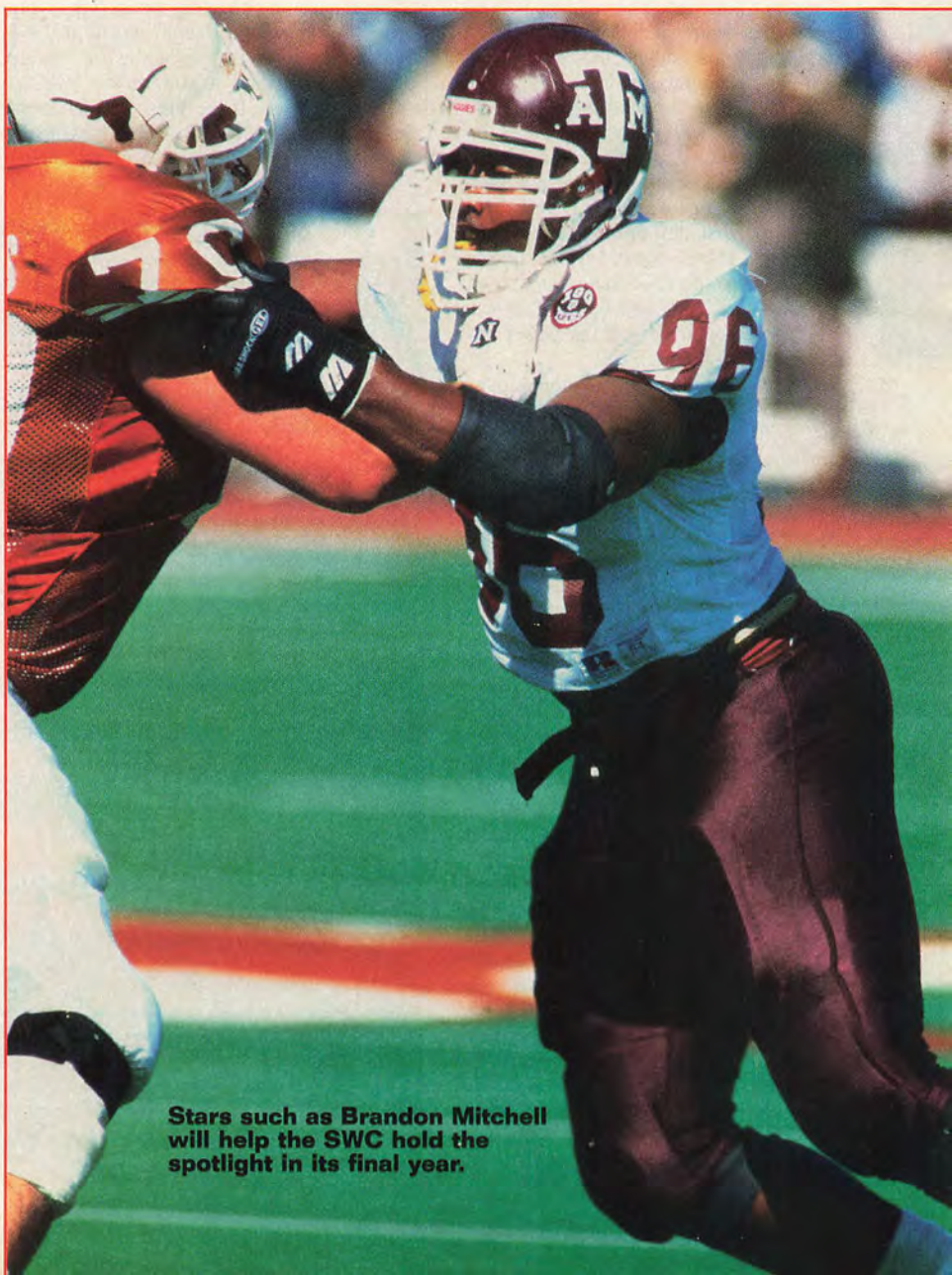
"I stuck those Southwest Conference stickers on the rear window of my dad's car and boy, they stuck," Dykes said. "My dad would blister me, but I kept sticking them up there. The only way to get rid of them was with dynamite, or to trade cars."

Everything seemed so permanent then. And though Texas Tech, which now boasts Dykes for a head football coach, has to be thrilled with the place waiting for it in the Big 12, Dykes still cannot help but remember what was and consider what will be lost forever.

"It's going to hit everybody," said Dykes regarding the impending end of the SWC. "Everybody wants change, so now we have change. But, some people will be rechecking their hole card. It's like anything else — the grass looks greener on the other side of the fence until you get over there. It's a great deal, I know. But I'm sad. I think I'm going to stay sad for a while. Something great will all of a sudden be gone."

The SWC, a league playing for bragging rights in the state of Texas, will call it quits after this season, its 81st. Some, excluding Dykes, believe the end can't come soon enough — especially after last season's five-way tie for the league title and Tech's Cotton Bowl embarrassment.

But the grand old league won't go away without making some noise. This season, Texas A&M has an excellent chance to be not only the SWC's best team, but the nation's No. 1 team as well. The Aggies are off probation and haven't lost a Southwest Conference game in four seasons. And, with Heisman Trophy hopeful Leeland McElroy



Stars such as Brandon Mitchell will help the SWC hold the spotlight in its final year.



Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes is among the many who lament the SWC's demise.

about their business of preparing for the future. While the Big 12-bound schools worked on the creation of the expanded league, TCU, SMU and Rice agreed to join the hyper-expanded Western Athletic Conference and Houston joined former Metro and Great Midwest members in the new 10-school Conference USA.

So determined to be optimistic have SWC members become that many — even those that once pointed fingers at the traitors that caused the collapse — have said they will be better off in their new homes.

"It looks like everyone landed on their feet and I think everyone is well-positioned to go forward," said Rice athletic director Bobby May, an All-SWC hurdler from 1963-'65. "Given the state of the SWC at the time it happened, I would agree we at Rice are better off. But I am one that

felt the boat could have been righted. I hadn't given up."

But with the league falling apart, Houston athletic director Bill Carr said his school is better off now that the SWC finally will disband.

"If it was going to happen, we were better off to go ahead and have it happen, rather than have a continuing situation of years of wondering whether it will happen or not," Carr said. "That greatly weakened us."

TCU athletic director Frank Windegger, after 36 years in the TCU athletic department, was among the angriest with the divorce. But even he would not spare a tear for the league's demise.

"The emotional part of it is over with," Windegger said. "We probably would have all been better off if we could have made this the last year and gotten on to our own endeavors."

"Losing that tradition of 80-plus years was hard. But we're ready to move on."

In many ways, the league might have become an anachronism, with eight schools all in one state recruiting the same players and watching one another so carefully. A&M coach R.C. Slocum often said one could go into any coffee shop in Texas and chances were the patrons could name the quarterbacks at all eight schools.

Eventually, the closeness made winning on a national scale increasingly difficult, and changes in national television broadcasts brought attention to other leagues and schools. Where once being the best in Texas — being able to stick out a chest Sunday in church or Monday at work — was enough, it was not any longer.

"There was so much pride and competitiveness in the SWC for so many years, and such focus on the conference, that's all you worried about," former Texas player and Texas Tech athletic director T. Jones said. "Whatever else fell

and an All-America candidate in defensive lineman Brandon Mitchell back in the fold, the Aggies should be tough to beat again.

McElroy, who averaged more than 50 yards per kickoff return last season and has returned four kickoffs for touchdowns in his career, isn't the SWC's only legitimate 1995 Heisman candidate. TCU just might have a pair of them in quarterback Max Knake and tailback Andre Davis. Knake was seventh in the nation in passing efficiency last fall, while Davis averaged 135.8 yards rushing per game, fifth-best in the nation. The return of those players, along with All-America candidates at both Texas (defensive end Tony Brackens) and Texas Tech (linebacker Zach Thomas) means the league should garner lots of publicity in its final season.

What the league won't garner, however, is an automatic Cotton Bowl bid. If A&M goes 11-0 this fall, it won't be picking Cotton. The final SWC champion heads to the new Bowl Alliance and either the Fiesta, Orange or Sugar bowls, not the bowl it has sponsored since 1941.

Speaking of sponsors, the Cotton Bowl will have a new one. Mobil bought its way out of the Cotton Bowl with a \$1 million check in early April, giving the dissolution of the SWC as the reason. Actually, the real reason probably is that the Cotton Bowl isn't part of the new Bowl Alliance and is now a second-tier bowl.

Guys like Dykes have long pined for the league's good old days, but when the Big Eight offered invitations to Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech and Baylor, the inevitability of the venerable league's death became unavoidable.

There was some angry finger-pointing at first. Houston politicians in the state legislature trotted out some quick but relatively unthreatening threats. But the eight members of the SWC went

"Last season, we weren't thinking about the end of the conference. That was down the road. This year, it will hit us. It's like a phase of life, like when you leave home for the first time and suddenly stop and think about all your times there. Or going to a funeral, when you reflect on all the times that are over. Next year, we will all reflect on our years with the Southwest Conference, going back to when we all were kids."

— Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum

SOME MEMORABLE MOMENTS IN SWC HISTORY

1915: Oklahoma downed Oklahoma A&M (later Oklahoma State), 26-7, to capture the initial SWC crown with a perfect 10-0 record.

1949: In a classic offensive confrontation matching Heisman Trophy winner Doak Walker and Kyle Rote of SMU against Norm Van Brocklin of Oregon, the Mustangs defeated the Ducks, 21-13, in the Cotton Bowl. Quick kicks by Walker (79 yards) and Rote (84 yards) proved to be the difference.

1953: The famed "bench tackle." Alabama's Tommy Lewis jumped off the bench to tackle Rice's Dicky Maegle at midfield in the Cotton Bowl. Maegle was awarded a 95-yard touchdown, the longest run in Cotton Bowl history, en route to a 28-6 Owls' victory.

1963: Texas captured the first of three national championships under Darrell Royal, routing Roger Staubach-led Navy, 28-6, in the Cotton Bowl.

1977: Texas' Earl Campbell rushed for 1,744 yards on the way to the Heisman Trophy, but the unbeaten Longhorns were picked off by Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl.

1994: Quint-champions! Five teams, all with 4-3 league marks, grabbed a piece of the SWC title. Texas A&M went undefeated (10-0-1), but failed to qualify for the title because of NCAA sanctions.

into place around the country, well that was fine. But it wasn't something you really thought about. All you talked about was going to the Cotton Bowl and trying to win the game."

But because this season will be the last, the value of an SWC title could return. Last season's quint-championship — Texas Tech, Texas, Rice, Baylor and TCU all tied for first place — ended long droughts for several schools. This season, the final championship will be the one that lasts.

"It's like a coach who is retiring winning the last championship, like a pitcher winning his last game. Everything we do will feel like the last time for the foreseeable future," Slocum said. "We'll think of all the times we went to that stadium, that we played that team."

"Last season, we weren't thinking about the end of the conference. That was down the road. This year, it will hit us. It's like a phase of life, like when you leave home for the first time and suddenly stop and think about all your times there. Or going to a funeral, when you reflect on all the times that are over. Next year, we will all reflect on our years with the Southwest Conference, going back to when we all were kids."

Back when it seemed as if it would last forever. Back when Dykes was slapping stickers on his dad's car window.

"That's when it was great and we all knew it," Dykes said. "That got away from us somehow. But it was great. We have a great football state, great tradition. Maybe we forgot."

And maybe, for one last season, they will remember.

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CONFERENCE RATINGS

By DAVE ALLEN

CONFERENCE COUNTDOWN

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The SEC should once again emerge as the top league in the land — if the schools don't kill each other first that is. It's no wonder three of the conference's schools are nicknamed the Tigers — SEC teams eat their own. The league has gotten so good that it has become almost impossible for its members to win a national championship. Last year's Alabama team is a perfect example. The Tide's whole season was one of narrow escapes. They nipped Georgia, 29-28, edged Tennessee, 17-13 in Knoxville, scored two late touchdowns to win at Mississippi State, 29-25, then beat previously undefeated Auburn, 21-14, in the final regular season game.

An 11-0 record with Alabama's quality of schedule is usually good for a shot at a national championship, right? Not so in the SEC. 'Bama still had to play preseason No. 1 Florida in the SEC title game. In a classic confrontation that had all the intensity of a national championship game, the Gators rallied to beat Alabama, 24-23. The Tide's Houdini act was over, and so were their national title aspirations.

As many as three SEC schools have a shot at playing for a title in Tempe come Jan. 2. Florida, a Top 10 mainstay, has a dynamite offense again led by quarterback Danny Wuerffel. Auburn is off probation, although you would never know it judging by its 20-1-1 record over the last two years. And Tennessee returns 17 starters and the nation's best offensive line from a team which won seven of its last eight a year ago.

Auburn has the most favorable road to the Fiesta Bowl. The Tigers have Florida and Alabama at home. But remember, even if they should win those two, it's likely they'll have to play either Tennessee or the Gators — again — in the SEC championship game.

That's why this league is the toughest.

The Big Ten is the next best thing to the SEC. It has a true Lion in Penn State and a corps of running backs like no other conference has seen in years. But the Big Eight and Pac-10 are right on its heels. The Big Eight has defending national champion Nebraska, though Colorado doesn't figure to give it the powerful one-two punch it's had the last few years. USC could follow UCLA's lead in basketball

and give the Pac-10 another national champion.

The middle of the conference pack consists of the SWC, in its final year, the ACC and the Big East. Texas A&M, coming off probation, could give the SWC a real sendoff.

Bringing up the rear are the WAC, the nation's surprise conference a year ago, the independents, the Big West and Mid-American conferences.

1. SEC

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1. FLORIDA | 1. AUBURN |
| 2. TENNESSEE | 2. ALABAMA |
| 3. SOUTH CAROLINA | 3. MISSISSIPPI STATE |
| 4. GEORGIA | 4. ARKANSAS |
| 5. KENTUCKY | 5. LSU |
| 6. VANDERBILT | 6. MISSISSIPPI |

The SEC was the only conference to place three teams among the Top 10 in the final *Associated Press* poll last season. And by year's end, Tennessee (No. 22) may have been one of the nation's 10 best teams.

Don't look for anything different this year. Auburn, Florida and Tennessee all figure to open the season in the Top 10, and Alabama could make it a foursome if quarterback Brian Burgdorf proves to be an adequate replacement for Jay Barker.

Barker was the nation's third-rated passer a year ago, and was flanked by two Gators, Terry Dean at No. 2 and Danny Wuerffel at No. 4. Wuerffel is back, and leads a Gators offense which ranked No. 2 in scoring last season (43.4 points per game).

Auburn also returns a strong passer in Patrick Nix, plus the league's best running back in Stephen Davis (1,263 yards). Tennessee quarterback Peyton Manning was the SEC Freshman of the Year in '94, and he'll operate behind an offensive line that boasts three possible All Americans — Jayson Layman, Bubba Miller and Jeff Smith.

2. BIG TEN

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| 1. PENN STATE | 7. PURDUE |
| 2. OHIO STATE | 8. MICHIGAN STATE |
| 3. MICHIGAN | 9. IOWA |
| 4. ILLINOIS | 10. MINNESOTA |
| 5. WISCONSIN | 11. NORTHWESTERN |
| 6. INDIANA | |

The Big Ten had the best bowl record (4-1) among the major conferences last year and one of



Alex Smith of Indiana is one of several running backs who should have the Big Ten soaring in '95.

the nation's two perfect teams—Penn State (12-0)—but the fact that the Nittany Lions weren't awarded the national championship may be a sign that the conference's standing is slipping.

Joe Paterno's gang was simply unstoppable on offense last season, averaging 520.2 yards and 47.8 points per game, both best in the nation. And they had two Heisman Trophy candidates in Kijana Carter and Kerry Collins. Both are gone now, but Penn State does have its top two receivers back (Bobby Engram and Freddie Scott) and two very capable backs in Mike Archie and Stephen Pitts.

Speaking of backs, the Big Ten is loaded with them. Five 1,000-yard rushers are back from a year ago, including sensational sophomore Alex Smith of Indiana (1,475 yards rushing in '94). Joining him are Minnesota's Chris Darkins (1,443), Ohio State's Eddie George (1,353), Purdue's Mike Alstott (1,188) and Iowa's Sedrick Shaw (1,002).

The Big Ten also has the best pass rusher in the nation in Illinois senior Simeon Rice, who had 16 sacks a year ago.

3. BIG EIGHT

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| 1. NEBRASKA | 5. KANSAS |
| 2. OKLAHOMA | 6. OKLAHOMA STATE |
| 3. COLORADO | 7. MISSOURI |
| 4. KANSAS STATE | 8. IOWA STATE |

It would be unfair to ask the league to match last year's success again. Simply put, the Big Eight had its greatest year ever in 1994. Not only did the



league have the national champion (Nebraska) and the Heisman Trophy winner (Colorado's Rashaan Salaam), but it struck a deal to add four new schools with rich college football traditions. Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech and Baylor all join the league next season to form the Big 12. SEC, beware.

As for this season, the 'Huskies have the goods to make another run at the national title. Running back Lawrence Phillips could make it two Heismans in a row for the Big Eight, and if he doesn't win it, quarterback Tommie Frazier could.

4. PAC-10

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| 1. USC | 6. CALIFORNIA |
| 2. ARIZONA | 7. WASHINGTON STATE |
| 3. WASHINGTON | 8. ARIZONA STATE |
| 4. UCLA | 9. OREGON STATE |
| 5. OREGON | 10. STANFORD |

Only the SEC (five) had more teams in the Top 25 than the Pac-10 (four) when the final rankings were released in January, and Washington didn't miss by

much. Expect a repeat performance again this year.

Southern Cal, with the explosive combination of running back Shawn Walters and wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson, figures to give the league its first shot at a national championship in years.

5. SWC

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| 1. TEXAS A&M | 5. TCU |
| 2. TEXAS | 6. RICE |
| 3. TEXAS TECH | 7. SMU |
| 4. BAYLOR | 8. HOUSTON |

The SWC had to be embarrassed by last year's quint-championship season. Almost every team — except the league's best — owned a share of the title.

Texas A&M (10-0-1), is off probation and should easily crash the party of five this season. The Aggies, who haven't lost a conference game in the last four years, could even bring a national championship to the SWC in its final year of existence.

Running back Leeland McElroy is a leading contender for the Heisman Trophy. When the junior could get his hands on a kickoff last season, he averaged an amazing 50.2 yards per return, and he has returned four kickoffs for touchdowns in his career already.

Texas also has one of the nation's most exciting young offensive players in quarterback James Brown. If only Shaquille O'Neal could make free throws like Brown completes passes. The sophomore hit on almost 70 percent of his passes (80 of 115) last season.

6. ACC

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| 1. FLORIDA STATE | 6. DUKE |
| 2. VIRGINIA | 7. MARYLAND |
| 3. NORTH CAROLINA ST. | 8. GEORGIA TECH |
| 4. NORTH CAROLINA | 9. WAKE FOREST |
| 5. CLEMSON | |

Florida State has carried the league in recent years. But consider this: Only the SEC and Big Ten had as many bowl teams as the ACC (five) last season. The league didn't disappoint in the postseason either, going 3-2, including two wins over SEC teams.

Now, if only someone would beat Florida State. The 'Noles haven't lost an ACC game since they joined the league three years ago. Last season, North Carolina was the only ACC team to come within two touchdowns (31-18) of FSU.

Even though Virginia, N.C. State, the Heels and the rest of the league appear to be bridging the gap, it doesn't look like anyone will beat the Seminoles anytime soon. FSU is loaded on offense with quarterback Danny Kanell and running back Warrick Dunn and could conceivably win its second national title in three years.

7. BIG EAST

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|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. MIAMI (FLA.) | 5. SYRACUSE |
| 2. BOSTON COLLEGE | 6. RUTGERS |
| 3. WEST VIRGINIA | 7. PITTSBURGH |
| 4. VIRGINIA TECH | 8. TEMPLE |

The league struggled through the sophomore jinx last season after a great opening campaign in 1993. Miami even lost twice at home.

The 'Canes have a new coach this season, Butch Davis, but the turmoil and high expectations remain. The defense, even without Warren Sapp, still should be one of the most feared units in the country. Junior linebacker Ray Lewis (152 tackles in '94) is the scariest of them all.

BC should have no trouble building power ratings with its schedule, maybe the nation's toughest. If sack specialist Mike Mamula had returned for his senior season, the Eagles might have had to worry less about those upcoming tough ones.

8. WAC

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| 1. BYU | 6. UTAH |
| 2. COLORADO STATE | 7. NEW MEXICO |
| 3. SAN DIEGO STATE | 8. HAWAII |
| 4. AIR FORCE | 9. FRESNO STATE |
| 5. WYOMING | 10. UTEP |

The WAC was the surprise league in the country a year ago. Three teams finished the season ranked in the Top 25 and one made it as high as No. 10 — and it wasn't BYU. In fact, both Utah (No. 10) and Colorado State (No. 16) came in higher than the Cougars (No. 18).

Don't expect a repeat in '95, however. Utah, for one, lost seven first-team and three second-team All-WAC players from a year ago.

9. INDEPENDENTS

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| 1. NOTRE DAME | 7. CINCINNATI |
| 2. LOUISVILLE | 8. TULANE |
| 3. EAST CAROLINA | 9. ARMY |
| 4. SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI | 10. NAVY |
| 5. MEMPHIS | 11. NE LOUISIANA |
| 6. TULSA | 12. NORTH TEXAS |

The Irish were down on their luck last season, which meant, as a whole, the independents suffered as well.

As Notre Dame goes, so do the independents, and the Irish were humbled in '94. But not even a 6-4-1 record could keep them out of the Fiesta Bowl, where they proceeded to get stomped by Colorado, 41-24.

Notre Dame would love to get back to the Fiesta Bowl in January, and the Irish could if their offensive line gives quarterback Ron Powlus half a chance. With time, Powlus and wide receiver Derrick Mayes can be a lethal combination.

10. BIG WEST

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| 1. NEVADA | 6. LOUISIANA TECH |
| 2. SW LOUISIANA | 7. UNLV |
| 3. NORTHERN ILLINOIS | 8. UTAH STATE |
| 4. PACIFIC | 9. SAN JOSE STATE |
| 5. NEW MEXICO ST. | 10. ARKANSAS STATE |

The 'Pack is back. In 1994, Nevada piled up 507 yards and 37.6 points per game. The Wolfpack also had the nation's total offense leader for the second straight year in quarterback Mike Maxwell (318 yards per game), and the country's reception leader in Alex Van Dyke (98). Both return and should bring plenty of attention to the Big West.

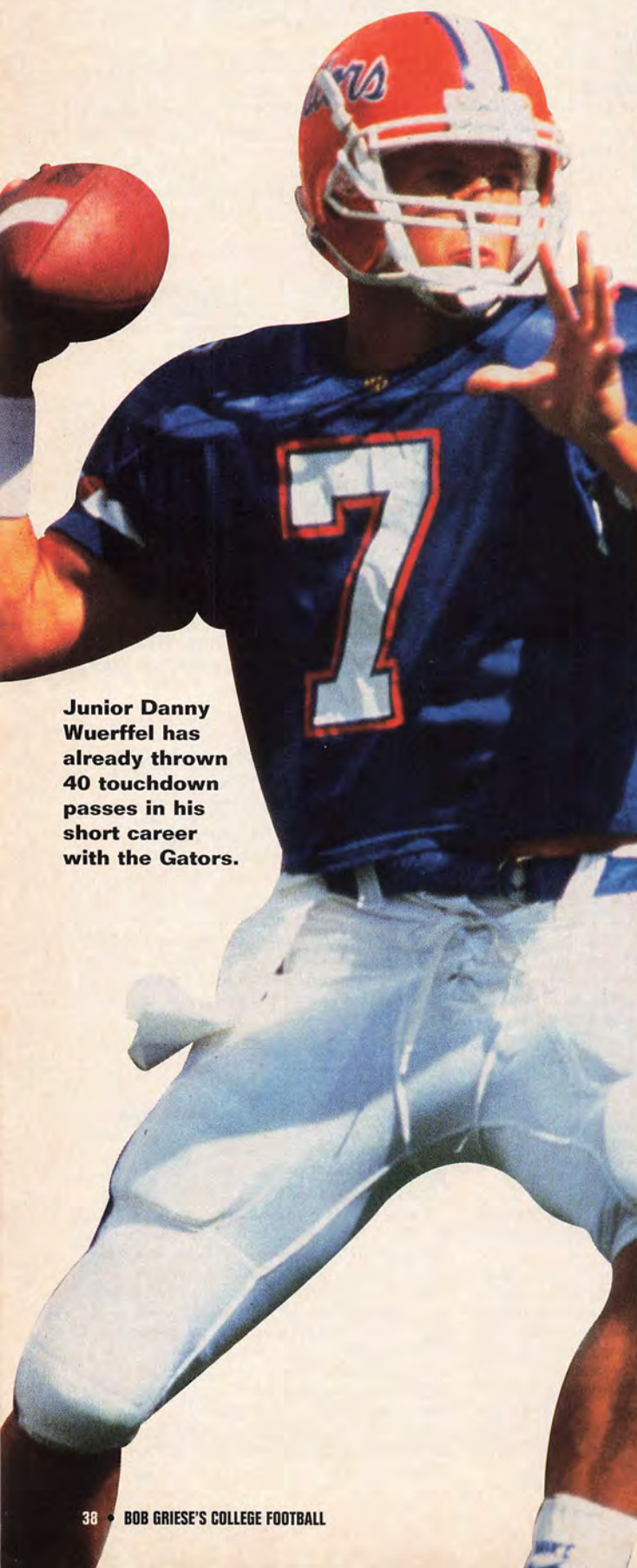
11. MAC

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| 1. BOWLING GREEN | 6. TOLEDO |
| 2. WESTERN MICHIGAN | 7. EASTERN MICHIGAN |
| 3. BALL STATE | 8. AKRON |
| 4. MIAMI (OHIO) | 9. KENT |
| 5. CENTRAL MICHIGAN | 10. OHIO |

The MAC was perhaps best known last year for the "O-fer Bowl" game between Akron and Ohio University in the final week of the season, which doesn't exactly bode well for the conference.

The Zips, appropriately named, and the Bobcats each entered the contest 0-10. Akron emerged the winner, 24-10, and thus avoided the distinction of being the worst team in Division I-A. That dubious honor fell to Ohio.

Fortunately for the MAC, there is Bowling Green. The Falcons flirted with a Top 25 ranking last season and could do so again in '95 with quarterback Ryan Henry and punter Brad Maynard.



Junior Danny Wuerffel has already thrown 40 touchdown passes in his short career with the Gators.

PROJECTED ORDER OF FINISH

East Division

1. Tennessee
2. Florida
3. South Carolina
4. Georgia
5. Kentucky
6. Vanderbilt

West Division

1. Auburn
2. Alabama
3. Mississippi St.
4. LSU
5. Arkansas
6. Mississippi

All-SEC Offense

POSITION/PLAYER	YR.	HT./WT.	COLLEGE
QB Danny Wuerffel	Jr.	6-2/206	Florida
RB Stephen Davis	Sr.	6-2/222	Auburn
RB Fred Taylor	So.	6-1/215	Florida
WR Eric Moulds	Sr.	6-3/205	Mississippi St.
WR Brice Hunter	Sr.	6-0/197	Georgia
TE David LaFleur	Jr.	6-7/268	LSU
OL Willie Anderson	Jr.	6-6/320	Auburn
OL Jason Odom	Sr.	6-5/297	Florida
OL Jeff Smith	Sr.	6-3/310	Tennessee
OL Jason Layman	Sr.	6-6/287	Tennessee
C Shannon Roubique	Sr.	6-1/278	Auburn

All-SEC Defense

POSITION/PLAYER	YR.	HT./WT.	COLLEGE
DL Shannon Brown	Sr.	6-5/266	Alabama
DL Junior Soli	Sr.	6-2/289	Arkansas
DL Gabe Northern	Sr.	6-3/235	LSU
LB Dwayne Curry	Jr.	6-3/248	Mississippi St.
LB Randall Godfrey	Sr.	6-3/226	Georgia
LB Anthony Harris	Sr.	6-2/221	Auburn
LB Ben Hanks	Sr.	6-2/224	Florida
DB Walt Harris	Sr.	6-1/187	Mississippi St.
DB Deshea Townsend	So.	5-10/170	Alabama
DB Jason Parker	Sr.	6-0/192	Tennessee
DB Corey Johnson	Jr.	5-11/183	Georgia

All-SEC Special Teams

POSITION/PLAYER	YR.	HT./WT.	COLLEGE
PK Michael Proctor	Sr.	5-11/183	Alabama
P Matt Wait	So.	6-0/226	Arkansas
RS Reidel Anthony	So.	6-0/165	Florida

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Danny Wuerffel, Florida

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Randall Godfrey, Georgia

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Kevin Faulk, RB, LSU

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By CHRIS HARRY

The Gators enter the 1995 season with their sights set on becoming the first team to win three straight outright Southeastern Conference championships since Alabama turned the trick from 1977-'79.

Florida, which opened the 1994 season ranked No. 1 and held the spot until a midseason defeat to Auburn, lost a handful of marquee players to graduation and the NFL, but coach Steve Spurrier and his staff have enough talent stockpiled from several banner recruiting classes to remain in their accustomed confines of the Top 10. The Gators have finished each of the last four seasons ranked among the country's Top 10 teams.

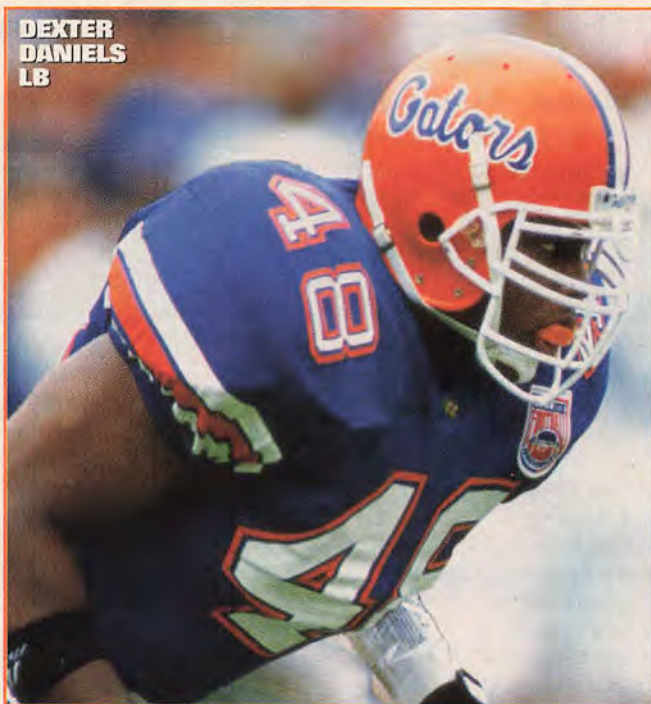
OFFENSE: Out with one quarterback controversy, in with another. Terry Dean's benching gained national headlines in 1994 as Dean went from Heisman Trophy candidate to third-team mop-up man. Enter then-sophomore Danny Wuerffel, a first-team Freshman All America in '93, who responded by passing for 1,754 yards and 18 touchdowns in six starts. Wuerffel will be pushed in '95 by classmate Eric Kresser, who had a 317-yard, three-touchdown outing against Southern Miss.

Florida's running game falls to sophomores Fred Taylor and Elijah Williams. As a true freshman, Taylor led the Gators with 873 yards and eight touchdowns while catching 29 passes. Williams, a red-shirt freshman, fended off a midseason ankle injury to finish with 652 yards, four touchdowns and 27 receptions. The Gators, led by All-America candidate Jason Odom at left tackle, return four of five players up front.

Sleekish wide receiver Reidel Anthony, like Taylor, was a freshman sensation for the Gators, grabbing 30 passes for 615 yards and six touchdowns. Junior walk-on Tremayne Allen surprised everyone by winning the tight end job in spring practice.

DEFENSE: Kevin Carter, Ellis Johnson and tackle Henry McMillan formed arguably the nation's best defensive front, one that finished fifth in the country against the run. Senior defensive end Mark Campbell (six sacks) is the lone returnee. He'll count on help from veterans David Barnard, Johnnie Church and McDonald Ferguson, as well as junior Cameron Davis.

The linebacking corps took a hit when Darren Hambrick was kicked off the team for his part in a fight at a team dinner at the Sugar Bowl. Senior Ben Hanks, who led the team in tackles with 93, heads a unit that is short on both speed and quickness. Neither Dexter Daniels, *USA Today's* national defensive Player of the Year as a high school senior in



DEXTER DANIELS
LB

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Danny Wuerffel (Jr., 6-2, 208)*	Eric Kresser (Jr., 6-2, 205)
TB: Fred Taylor (So., 6-1, 219)	Terry Jackson (Fr., 6-0, 201)
FB: Dwayne Mobley (Jr., 5-10, 219)	Jerome Evans (Jr., 6-1, 234)
WR: Chris Doering (Sr., 6-4, 181)*	Ike Hilliard (So., 6-0, 180)
WR: Reidel Anthony (So., 6-0, 176)*	Sorola Palmer (Sr., 5-10, 175)
TE: Tremayne Allen (Jr., 6-2, 229)	Shawn Nunn (Jr., 6-3, 253)*
LE: Jason Odom (Sr., 6-5, 291)*	Eric Johnson (So., 6-6, 303)
LB: Reggie Green (Sr., 6-6, 293)*	Deac Story (Fr., 6-4, 280)
C: Jeff Mitchell (Jr., 6-5, 287)*	Kevin Johnson (Sr., 6-3, 262)
RG: Donnie Young (Jr., 6-4, 297)*	Elijah Brown (So., 6-3, 298)
RE: Mo Collins (Fr., 6-4, 297)	Keith McMahon (So., 6-6, 281)

DEFENSE

DE: Johnnie Church (Sr., 6-3, 261)	Cameron Davis (Jr., 6-4, 261)
DT: David Bernard (Sr., 6-1, 197)	McDonald Ferguson (Jr., 6-1, 252)
DT: Keith Council (So., 6-4, 277)	Ed Chester (Fr., 6-4, 276)
DE: Mark Campbell (Sr., 6-3, 289)*	Mike Jackson (Fr., 6-5, 251)
LB: James Bates (Jr., 6-1, 227)	Jason Bartley (Sr., 5-11, 229)
LB: Dexter Daniels (Sr., 6-2, 240)*	Kavin Walton (So., 6-1, 221)
LB: Ben Hanks (Sr., 6-2, 221)*	Pat Lowe (So., 6-3, 222)
CB: Fred Weary (So., 5-10, 178)	Shea Showers (Jr., 5-11, 173)
CB: Anthonie Lott (Jr., 5-9, 189)*	Ronnie Battle (So., 5-8, 171)
SS: Lawrence Wright (Jr., 6-1, 201)*	Sam McCorkle (Sr., 5-9, 180)
FS: Mike Harris (So., 6-2, 191)	Demetric Jackson (Jr., 6-0, 178)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Bart Edmiston (Jr., 5-10, 167)	Matt Teague (Jr., 6-1, 178)
P: Robert Stevenson (Fr., 6-2, 175)	Matt Teague (Jr., 6-1, 178)

(* denotes returning starter)

1991, nor James Bates, a highly regarded prospect from Tennessee, have lived up to their prep billing.

The Gators' secondary has been the SEC's worst the last three seasons, partly because opponents have fallen behind quickly and been forced to play catch up. Cornerback Anthonie Lott is an adequate pass defender who excels on run support but gives up too much cushion.

SPECIAL TEAMS: The Gators said goodbye to placekicker Judd Davis, the school's career scoring leader (225 points), and punter Shayne Edge, a four-year starter. The Gators blocked a school-record five punts in '94, three by former

walk-on Sam McCorkle, who's back for his senior year.

RECRUITING: Only Notre Dame (nine) signed more *Parade All Americas* than Florida (five). The Gators inked a consensus Top 5 class, highlighted by quarterback Bobby Sabelhaus, linebackers Tim Beauchamp and Johnny Rutledge, defensive linemen Reggie McGrew and Ernie Badeaux and cornerback and Texas sprint champion Damian Hill. Punter Robert Stevenson is expected to be handed the job his first day on campus.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Florida Field, Gainesville, Fla. (84,500, grass)
RETURNING STARTERS (13):
Offense (8); Defense (5)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Kevin Carter, DL (2nd-team All America); Jack Jackson, WR (declared for NFL draft); Ellis Johnson (1st-team All-SEC)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Danny Wuerffel, Jr., 132-212-1,754 yards, 18 TDs, 9 INTs
RUSHING: Fred Taylor, So., 171 carries, 873 yards, 8 TDs
RECEIVING (catches): Chris Doering, Sr., 35, 7 TDs
RECEIVING (yards): Reidel Anthony, So., 615
TACKLES: Ben Hanks, Sr., 93
SACKS: Mark Campbell, Sr., 6
INTERCEPTIONS: Anthonie Lott, Jr., 3
PUNTING: None
KICKING: None
SCORING: Taylor, 48 points (8 TDs)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . HOUSTON
Sept. 9 . . . at Kentucky
Sept. 16 . . . TENNESSEE
Sept. 30 . . . MISSISSIPPI
Oct. 7 . . . at LSU
Oct. 14 . . . at Auburn
Oct. 28 . . . at Georgia
Nov. 4 . . . NORTHERN ILLINOIS
Nov. 11 . . . at South Carolina
Nov. 18 . . . VANDERBILT
Nov. 25 . . . FLORIDA STATE

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . NEW MEXICO ST.; won, 70-21
Sept. 10 . . . KENTUCKY; won, 73-7
Sept. 17 . . . at Tennessee; won, 31-0
Oct. 1 . . . at Mississippi; won, 38-14
Oct. 8 . . . LSU; won, 42-18
Oct. 15 . . . AUBURN; lost, 36-33
Oct. 29 . . . GEORGIA; won, 52-14
Nov. 5 . . . SO. MISS.; won, 55-17
Nov. 12 . . . S. CAROLINA; won, 48-17
Nov. 19 . . . at Vanderbilt; won, 24-7
Nov. 26 . . . at Alabama St.; tied, 31-31
Dec. 3 . . . vs. Alabama in SEC title game; won, 24-23
Jan. 2 . . . vs. Florida St. in Sugar Bowl; lost, 23-17

MILESTONE

• The Gators have finished the last four seasons ranked among the nation's Top 10 teams.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Get solid play from a relatively inexperienced defensive line.
- ✓ Replace a kicker and punter, both of whom were SEC all-stars.
- ✓ Beat a Bowden — either Florida State's Bobby or Auburn's Terry, the combination of which is 6-1-1 against Spurrier.

TENNESSEE

VOLUNTEERS

COACH: PHILLIP FULMER, 4TH YEAR, 21-6-1
'94 RECORD: 8-4 (5-3 CONF.)
FINAL RANKING: NO. 22 AP,
NO. 18 USA TODAY/CNN

By MIKE STRANGE

This is a monumental year in the career of Phillip Fulmer. His record suggests success, yet Tennessee fans want more. Beating up on Kentucky and Vanderbilt is nice, but they want to win against SEC Eastern Division rival Florida and traditional nemesis Alabama. In short, anything less than a trip to the SEC Championship game will be considered a disappointment.

Quarterback Peyton Manning is coming off an outstanding freshman season and, since classmate Brannon Stewart transferred to Texas A&M in the offseason, there is no quarterback controversy. As a sophomore, Manning can focus on operating behind one of the nation's best offensive lines, so there should be no problem scoring points.

The thing keeping the Vols from going to the next level has been the lack of a dominating defense. Nine starters return from last year's bend-but-don't-break unit, but the staff has had quite a shake-up. John Chavis moves from linebackers coach to defensive coordinator and promises an aggressive attack. The question is whether he has the players to make it work.

OFFENSE: It all starts up front and the Vols couldn't be in better shape, despite losing All-SEC guard Kevin Mays. Jason Layman, Jeff Smith, Bubba Miller, Leslie Ratliff and newcomer Robert Poole form one of the nation's best lines.

Nothing appears to stand between quarterback Manning and greatness. As a true freshman, Archie's kid was the fourth-ranked passer in the SEC and won league Freshman of the Year honors. The receiving corps could rise back up to Tennessee's traditional high standards this year. Joey Kent is the go-to guy, but Marcus Nash, Maurice Staley and Andy McCullough must step up big as sophomores.

The running game will miss James Stewart, the school's career rushing leader and Aaron Hayden, another career 2,000-yard man. Travis Cozart, a 6-2, 210-pound junior college transfer, was impressive at tailback in the spring, but Jay Graham should start.

DEFENSE: Fulmer surprised most everyone by sticking in-house and promoting Chavis to coordinator when Larry Marmie left during the winter. The rap on Marmie, perhaps unfairly, was that he didn't attack and create mayhem. In reality, Tennessee probably didn't have enough mayhem-creating players to attack successfully.

The secondary must make a big improvement. Free safety Jason Parker is All-SEC material and Ray Austin will try to regain a starting spot. The corners, DeRon Jenkins and Terry Fair, need big years. The Vols managed only nine interceptions last fall.



PEYTON
MANNING
QB

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Peyton Manning (So., 6-5, 202)*	Jeremy Bates (Fr., 5-11, 172)
TB: Jay Graham (Jr., 6-0, 206)	Ronnie Pillow (So., 6-0, 195)
FB: Chester Ford (Jr., 6-0, 228)	Eric Lane (Jr., 6-2, 217)
WR: Joey Kent (Jr., 6-1, 184)*	Marcus Nash (So., 6-3, 190)
WR: Nilo Silvan (Sr., 5-10, 176)	Maurice Staley (So., 6-1, 195)
TE: David Horn (Sr., 6-4, 235)*	John Sartelle (Jr., 6-4, 230)
LE: Jason Layman (Sr., 6-6, 287)*	Jarvis Reado (So., 6-5, 284)
LG: Trey Peterson (Sr., 6-3, 270)	Trey Teague (So., 6-5, 275)
C: Bubba Miller (Sr., 6-1, 285)*	Brent Gibson (Jr., 6-4, 272)
RG: Jeff Smith (Sr., 6-3, 304)*	Diron Robinson (Fr., 6-3, 250)
RT: Leslie Ratliff (Sr., 6-7, 282)*	Robert Poole (So., 6-3, 291)

DEFENSE

DE: Leonard Little (So., 6-3, 220)	Dustin Moore (Fr., 6-3, 226)
DE: Shane Burton (Sr., 6-6, 268)*	Billy Beron (So., 6-3, 262)
DE: Leland Taylor (Jr., 6-3, 285)*	Ron Green (Fr., 6-1, 265)
DE: Steve White (Sr., 6-2, 246)*	Jonathan Brown (So., 6-4, 245)
LB: Jesse Sanders (Sr., 5-11, 222)*	George Kidd (Sr., 6-2, 223)
LB: Tyrone Hines (Jr., 6-2, 228)*	Craig King (Jr., 6-0, 221)
LB: Scott Galyon (Sr., 6-3, 227)*	Nick Jester (Sr., 6-0, 208)
CB: DeRon Jenkins (Sr., 6-0, 167)*	Steve Johnson (So., 5-11, 175)
CB: Terry Fair (So., 5-11, 175)*	Raymond Austin (Jr., 5-11, 181)*
SS: Shawn Summers (Sr., 5-8, 188)	Shane Bagnaud (So., 6-1, 186)
FS: Jason Parker (Sr., 6-0, 188)*	Cory Gaines (So., 5-11, 185)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Jeff Hall (Fr., 6-0, 182)	Jon Dorsey (Fr., 6-0, 185)
P: Larry Binion (Jr., 6-3, 190)	Jeff Hall (Fr., 6-0, 182)

(* denotes returning starter)

The key up front is finding pass rushers. Senior Steve White and sophomore Jonathan Brown are the leading candidates. Junior college transfer Leonard Little should make a difference at either linebacker or end. Tyrone Hines has emerged as a killer at middle linebacker, freeing Scott Galyon to play outside.

SPECIAL TEAMS: The kicking game has been very good to Tennessee, but it's time to reload. A pair of four-year starters, kicker John Becksvoort and punter Tom Hutton, are gone. Not to worry. Redshirt freshman Jeff Hall appears to have a stronger leg than Becksvoort, and the Vols signed

JUCO All-American punter Larry Binion. Nilo Silvan was one of the most dangerous return men, averaging 18.1 yards on punt returns (second-best in Division I-A).

RECRUITING: Compared to '93, when UT's crop was ranked No. 1 in the nation, the '94 class is a bit down. But not much. *Parade* All-America Brian Darden and Shawn Bryson restock the running game. The Vols needed help on the defensive line and got *Parade* All-America Spencer Riley and Billy Ratliff, among others.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Neyland Stadium, Knoxville, Tenn. (91,902, grass)
RETURNING STARTERS (17): Offense (7); Defense (10)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Kevin Mays, OL (1st-team All-SEC); James Stewart, RB (2nd-team All-SEC); Ben Talley, LB (2nd-team All-SEC)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Peyton Manning, So., 89-144-1,141 yards, 11 TDs, 6 INTs
RUSHING: Jay Graham, Jr., 61 carries, 275 yards, 2 TDs
RECEIVING (catches): Joey Kent, Jr., 36, 4 TDs
RECEIVING (yards): Kent, 470
TACKLES: Scott Galyon, Sr., 93
SACKS: Steve White, Sr., 7
INTERCEPTIONS: 5 tied with 1
PUNTING: None
KICKING: None
SCORING: Kent, 26 points (4 TDs)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . EAST CAROLINA
Sept. 9 . . . GEORGIA
Sept. 16 . . . at Florida
Sept. 23 . . . MISSISSIPPI STATE
Sept. 30 . . . OKLAHOMA STATE
Oct. 7 . . . at Arkansas
Oct. 14 . . . at Alabama
Oct. 28 . . . SOUTH CAROLINA
Nov. 4 . . . SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
Nov. 18 . . . at Kentucky
Nov. 25 . . . VANDERBILT

1994 SCHEDULE

Sept. 3 . . . at UCLA; lost, 25-23
Sept. 10 . . . at Georgia; won, 41-23
Sept. 17 . . . FLORIDA; lost, 31-0
Sept. 24 . . . at Miss. St.; lost, 24-21
Oct. 1 . . . WASH. ST.; won, 10-9
Oct. 8 . . . ARKANSAS; won, 38-21
Oct. 15 . . . ALABAMA; lost, 17-13
Oct. 29 . . . at S. Carolina; won, 31-22
Nov. 12 . . . MEMPHIS; won, 24-13
Nov. 19 . . . KENTUCKY; won, 52-0
Nov. 26 . . . at Vanderbilt; won, 65-0
Dec. 30 . . . vs. Virginia Tech in Gator Bowl; won, 45-23

MILESTONES

- QB Peyton Manning is 7-1 as a starter.
- Tennessee has been to six straight bowl games.
- The Vols led the SEC in rushing offense last year (231.2 ypg).

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Find a pass rush.
- ✓ Show more discipline on offense, especially at avoiding penalties.
- ✓ Develop chemistry among the revamped defensive coaching staff.

By CHRIS HARRY

Now he's gone and done it. After demolishing rival Clemson 33-7 — at Clemson, no less — in the regular season finale, South Carolina coach Brad Scott could've left well enough alone. But then he had to go out and do something that no Gamecocks coach before him had ever done: He won a bowl game. USC's postseason mark was 0-8 before Scott got his first crack, a dramatic 24-21 victory over West Virginia in the Carquest Bowl.

Bowl games are second nature to the former Florida State offensive coordinator and the orchestrator of the vaunted Charlie Ward-led fast-break offense. Whether on the sidelines or up in the booth, Scott was part of nine straight bowl victories at FSU and brought with him to Columbia what he learned from coach Bobby Bowden about winning in January. And they're partying at Five Points because of it.

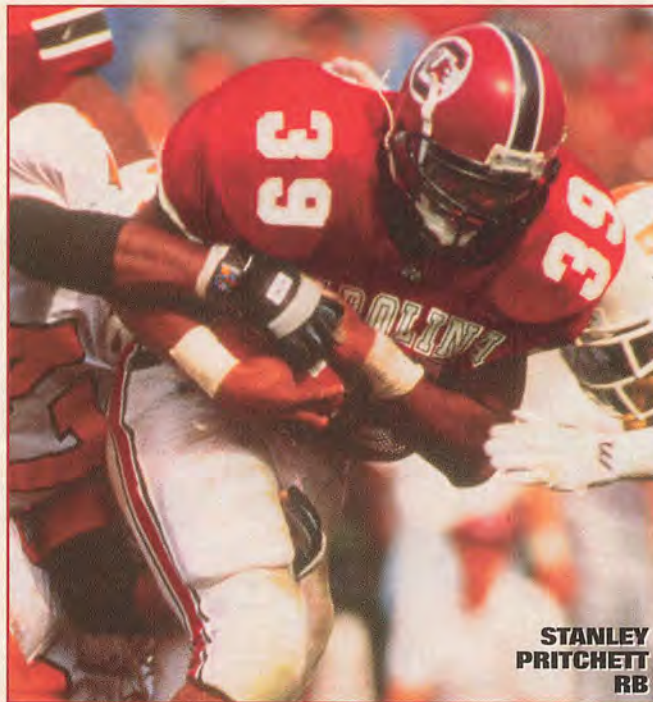
OFFENSE: He's no Ward, but quarterback Steve Taneyhill flourished in his first season under Scott. After throwing 13 touchdowns and 20 interceptions in his first two seasons, Taneyhill, minus his controversial pony tail, had his finest collegiate season in 1994, completing 63 percent of his passes for 2,259 yards, 19 TDs and just eight interceptions. Another big year for Taneyhill could translate to even bigger things for the Gamecocks.

Half of the USC backfield returns, with multi-dimensional fullback Stanley Pritchett (683 yards rushing, eight TDs) back for his senior season. The loss of tailback Brandon Bennett, however, can't be overstated. All Bennett did was lead USC in rushing four straight years and finish as the school's third all-time ground-gainer behind only Heisman Trophy winner George Rogers and current NFL back Harold Green. The Gamecocks will look to senior Mike Reddick and junior Joe Troupe to step in, but neither has shown the all-purpose skills of Bennett. USC's No. 1 back may arrive with the freshman class.

Four starting linemen being back will be a plus, but sacks were a major problem for Taneyhill last year. Mobility hardly his forte, Taneyhill was dropped 30 times. Watch for redshirt freshman wide-out Zola Davis, a *Parade* All America, to step to the forefront.

DEFENSE: If the Gamecocks are going to take that next step, they'd better shore up on the defensive side of the ball. Against bowl-bound teams — East Carolina, Mississippi State, Tennessee and Florida — USC surrendered an average of 44 points and 481 yards of offense. Not so coincidentally, the Gamecocks were 0-4 in those games.

Adaptively replacing three veteran defensive linemen will be a must. Junior Maynard Caldwell, sopho-



STANLEY PRITCHETT
RB

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Steve Taneyhill (Sr., 6-3, 205)*	Anthony Wright (Fr., 6-2, 185)
TB: Reggie Alexander (Sr., 6-0, 205)	Jason Lawson (Jr., 6-2, 210)
FB: Stanley Pritchett (Sr., 6-1, 230)*	Scott Moritz (So., 5-11, 195)
WR: Darrel Nicklow (Sr., 5-11, 170)*	Shah Mayes (Fr., 5-11, 155)
WR: Monty Means (Sr., 6-3, 200)	Calvin Owens (So., 6-1, 175)
TE: Jason Lawson (Jr., 6-2, 210)	James Cummings (Sr., 6-3, 240)
LE: James Dexter (Sr., 6-2, 282)*	Elliot Smith (Jr., 6-5, 281)
LG: Luther Dixon (Sr., 6-5, 279)*	Patrick Garth (Jr., 6-4, 300)
C: Paul Beckwith (So., 6-4, 240)	Ed Hrubiec (So., 6-2, 269)
RG: Travis Whitfield (So., 6-4, 260)	Delvin Herring (Sr., 6-3, 320)*
RE: Randy Wheeler (Jr., 6-3, 279)*	Andray Spearman (Fr., 6-4, 265)

DEFENSE

DE: Robert Smith (So., 6-4, 217)	Selvesta Miller (So., 6-3, 240)
DE: Eric Sullivan (Sr., 6-2, 269)*	Mike Washington (Sr., 6-1, 290)
DE: Henry Taylor (So., 6-4, 240)	James Flowers (Sr., 6-2, 250)
DE: Maynard Caldwell (Jr., 6-0, 233)	Quinn Brodie (Jr., 6-2, 233)
LB: Aubrey Brooks (Sr., 6-2, 216)*	Gerrick Taylor (So., 5-10, 210)
LB: Hank Campbell (Sr., 6-0, 230)*	Shane Burnham (So., 6-0, 200)
LB: Ronnie Smith (Sr., 6-0, 241)*	Benji Young (Jr., 6-0, 193)
CB: Terry Cousin (Jr., 5-10, 173)	Keris Sullivan (Fr., 5-8, 170)
CB: Ron Nealy (Sr., 5-9, 177)*	Jeff Kilgore (Fr., 5-9, 165)
SS: Ben Washington (So., 6-1, 190)*	Lee Wiggins (So., 6-0, 188)
FS: Arturo Freeman (Fr., 6-0, 180)	Chris Abrams (Jr., 6-0, 167)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Reed Morton (Jr., 5-7, 176)*	Steve Florio (Fr., 5-10, 180)
P: Derwin Jeffcoat (Sr., 6-2, 212)*	Max Schneider (So., 5-11, 180)

(* denotes returning starter)

more Henry Taylor and JUCO transfer Michael Maddox are the likely heirs. Linebackers Aubrey Brooks, Hank Campbell and Ronnie Smith were the team's second-, third- and fourth-leading tacklers in '94 and are each back for their senior seasons.

Strong safety Ben Washington, one of several Florida-bred players Scott lured away from the Sunshine State, is a big-hitter who started six games as a true freshman. Cornerbacks Chris Abrams and Reggie Richardson led the team with four interceptions each and both return.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Reed Morton was perfect on 28 extra-point tries and converted a respectable 10 of 13 field

goals, but punter Derwin Jeffcoat averaged just 38.5 yards per kick — the prime reason why the Gamecocks ranked 11th in the SEC in net punting.

RECRUITING: Florida, Florida State and Miami can't possibly gobble up all the star-quality prospects in their home state, so rest assured Scott will be in on some of Florida's biggest names. He signed 10 from the Sunshine State in 1995, helping put together a highly-rated class. Tailback Duce Staley, a Columbia product by way of Itawamba (Miss.) Junior College, could pay immediate dividends.

Chris Harry covers college football for the Tampa (Fla.) Tribune.

FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Williams-Brice Stadium, Columbia, S.C. (72,400, grass)
RETURNING STARTERS (15): Offense (7); Defense (6); Specialists (2)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Brandon Bennett, RB (853 yards rushing); Stacy Evans, DL (2nd-team All-SEC); Tony Watkins, DB (2nd-team All-SEC)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Steve Taneyhill, Sr., 231-367-2,259 yards, 19 TDs, 8 INTs
RUSHING: Stanley Pritchett, Sr., 144 carries, 683 yards, 9 TDs

RECEIVING (catches): Pritchett, 39, 2 TDs

RECEIVING (yards): Darrel Nicklow, Sr., 314

TACKLES: Aubrey Brooks, Sr., 83
SACKS: Brooks, 2

INTERCEPTIONS: (tie) Chris Abrams, Jr., and Reggie Richardson, Sr., 4 each
PUNTING: Derwin Jeffcoat, Sr., 38.5 avg.

KICKING: Reed Morton, Jr., 10-13 FGs (long 48); 28-28 PATs

SCORING: Pritchett, 68 points (11 TDs)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	.at Georgia
Sept. 9	.at Arkansas
Sept. 16	.LOUISIANA TECH
Sept. 23	.KENTUCKY
Sept. 30	.LSU
Oct. 7	.KENT STATE
Oct. 14	.at Mississippi State
Oct. 21	.VANDERBILT
Oct. 28	.at Tennessee
Nov. 11	.FLORIDA
Nov. 18	.CLEMSON

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3	.GEORGIA; lost, 24-21
Sept. 10	.ARKANSAS; won, 14-0
Sept. 17	.LA TECH; won, 41-6
Sept. 24	.at Kentucky; won, 23-9
Oct. 1	.LSU; won, 18-17
Oct. 8	.E. CAROLINA; lost, 56-42
Oct. 15	.MISS. ST.; lost, 41-36
Oct. 22	.at Vanderbilt; won, 19-16
Oct. 29	.TENNESSEE; lost, 31-22
Nov. 12	.at Florida; lost, 48-17
Nov. 19	.at Clemson; won, 33-7
Jan. 2	.vs. West Virginia in Carquest Bowl; won, 24-21

MILESTONE

■ Not only did the Gamecocks emerge from 1994 with their first bowl victory, but they also won four road games for the first time in school history.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Finding a tailback to replace the ultra-productive Brandon Bennett.
- ✓ Improving and toughening a defense that was no match for highly skilled offensive teams.
- ✓ Defining new leadership roles to soften the loss of eight key seniors.

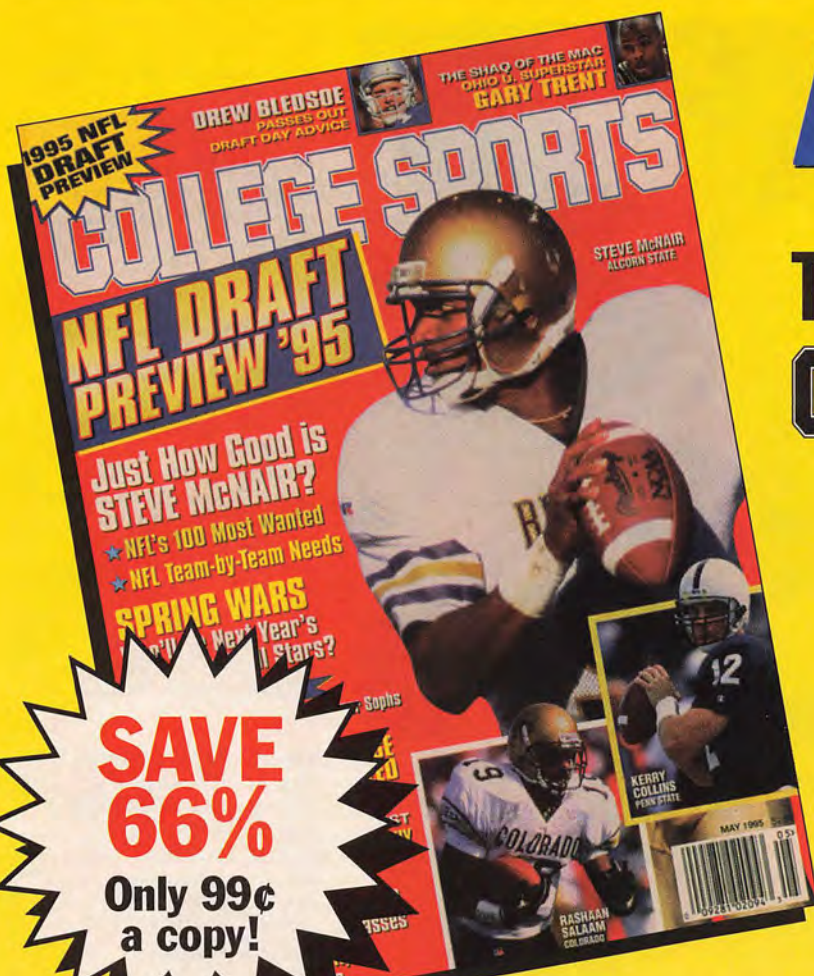
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By CHRIS HARRY

Ray Goff survived a 1994 season that began with tremendous expectations and a Heisman Trophy front-runner at quarterback and ended as a second consecutive season without a bowl berth.

Despite trying the patience of impatient alumni, Goff got a vote of confidence from athletic director Vince Dooley and is back for 1995. It might, however, be his last chance.

The Bulldogs would like to build on last season's finish, which included a come-from-behind tie at Auburn — snapping the Tigers' NCAA-best 20-game winning streak — and a blowout of in-state rival Georgia Tech. The return of 15 starters would seem to make that an attainable goal. Unfortunately, none of those starters is named Eric Zeier.

In four remarkable years, Zeier set 67 school and 18 Southeastern Conference records, including career passing yards (11,153), career attempts (1,402) and completions (838). In the last two seasons, Georgia was basically the Zeier Show, floundering to an 11-10-1 record in that span.

OFFENSE: When Zeier went down in the season finale against Georgia Tech, backup Mike Bobo helped engineer a 48-10 smashing of the Yellow Jackets. That's the good news. Here's the bad: Bobo, a sophomore, has thrown just 27 passes in his short career.

As a true freshman, Hines Ward was the Bulldogs' second-leading rusher (425 yards). Ward was a superb quarterback in high school and got a good, close look there in the spring. Selma Calloway (15 carries, 114 yards) and Larry Bowie (142 yards, four TDs) are the team's most experienced runners returning.

The Dawgs' strength lies on the outside with the return of All-America candidate Brice Hunter at flanker. Hunter led the SEC in receptions the last two seasons, combining for 135 catches, 1,769 yards and 16 touchdowns. Junior Juan Daniels emerged last season as the team's No. 3 receiver, catching 37 balls for 586 yards and five touchdowns.

DEFENSE: Georgia's defense in '94 was a disappointment under former NFL coach Marion Campbell. When the "Swamp Fox" retired after one season, Goff reeled in former Arkansas head coach and defensive coordinator Joe Kines. Kines inherited a unit that ranked 11th in the SEC in both rushing defense (206 yards) and scoring defense (26 points a game), the low point being a 43-30 loss to Vanderbilt, which bulldozed the Dawgs for 415 yards rushing.

Kines immediately junked Campbell's 3-4 alignment in favor of the conventional 4-3 that will be



HINES
WARD
RB

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Mike Bobo (So., 6-2, 207)
TB: Hines Ward (So., 6-1, 185)
FB: Larry Bowie (Sr., 6-0, 218)*
WR: Brice Hunter (Sr., 6-0, 197)*
WR: Juan Daniels (Jr., 6-2, 190)
TE: Michael Taylor (So., 6-3, 240)
LE: Adam Meadows (Jr., 6-7, 272)*
LB: Remy Beadles (Jr., 6-3, 280)*
C: David Weeks (Sr., 6-6, 266)*
RG: Antonio Fleming (So., 6-4, 280)
RE: Troy Stark (Sr., 6-6, 271)*

Hines Ward (So., 6-1, 185)
Selma Calloway (So., 5-11, 208)
Marisa Simpson (Jr., 5-11, 225)
Corey Allen (So., 6-3, 180)
Chris McCranie (Jr., 5-11, 170)
Kojara Ransom (So., 6-3, 232)
Chad Chosewood (Sr., 6-7, 288)
Sean Tremblay (So., 6-3, 275)
Brooks Brodie (So., 6-3, 255)
Paul Taylor (Sr., 6-5, 275)
David Powell (Jr., 6-7, 295)

DEFENSE

DE: Derrick Smith (Sr., 6-3, 238)
DE: Walter Rouse (Jr., 6-4, 289)
DE: Travis Stroud (So., 6-3, 258)*
DE: Phillip Daniels (Sr., 6-6, 255)*
LB: Randall Godfrey (Sr., 6-3, 226)*
LB: Whit Marshall (Sr., 6-2, 232)
LB: Greg Bright (So., 6-2, 215)*
CB: Buster Owens (Sr., 6-0, 202)
CB: Robert Edwards (Jr., 6-2, 202)*
SS: Alandus Sims (Jr., 6-1, 195)
FS: Corey Johnson (Jr., 5-11, 183)*

Derrick Byrd (So., 6-5, 235)
DeShay McKeever (Sr., 6-2, 265)
Jeff Kaiser (Jr., 6-4, 265)
Frank Watts (Sr., 6-2, 245)
Marcus Williams (Jr., 6-1, 215)*
Phillip Benton (Sr., 6-2, 245)
Brandon Tolbert (So., 6-2, 213)
Glenn Ford (So., 5-8, 165)
Ronald Bailey (So., 6-0, 190)
Armin Love (Fr., 6-1, 185)
Marcus Smith (So., 6-3, 181)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Kanon Parkman (Sr., 5-11, 171)*
P: Brett Pellock (Jr., 5-11, 178)*

Ryan Sanderson (Jr., 6-1, 165)
Dax Langley (So., 6-2, 170)

(* denotes returning starter)

built around senior linebacker Randall Godfrey, who opted not to enter the NFL draft. A four-year starter, Godfrey needs only 41 unassisted tackles to set Georgia's all-time mark.

The change in schemes will mean some shuffling on the defensive line. Derrick Smith and Travis Stroud, who started nine games at noseguard as a true freshman, will be counted on heavily.

Free safety Corey Johnson, who led the team in tackles with 118, hopes he's not as busy this season.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Kicker Kanon Parkman led the league and

ranked eighth in the nation in field goals per game (1.6), converting 17 of 22 attempts. Dax Langley averaged 39 yards per punt, placing 12 inside the 20.

RECRUITING: Georgia signed one of the best classes in the SEC, addressing glaring needs on the line. Of the whopping 28 players signed, 14 are targeted as linemen, led by Cory Simon, a first-team *USA Today* All-America defensive lineman who left neighboring Florida to sign with the Bulldogs.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Sanford Stadium, Athens, Ga. (86,117, grass)

RETURNING STARTERS (15): Offense (6); Defense (7); Specialists (2)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Hason Graham, WR (2nd-team All-SEC); Steve Roberts, OL (2nd-team All-SEC); Eric Zeier, QB (2nd-team All-SEC)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Mike Bobo, So., 17-27-325 yards, 1 TDs

RUSHING: Hines Ward, So., 77 carries, 425 yards, 3 TDs

RECEIVING (catches): Brice Hunter, Sr., 59, 7 TDs

RECEIVING (yards): Hunter, 799

TACKLES: Corey Johnson, Jr., 118

SACKS: (tie) Phillip Daniels, Sr., and Frank Watts, Sr., 5

INTERCEPTIONS: Robert Edwards, Jr., 4

PUNTING: Dax Langley, So., 39.0 avg.

KICKING: Kanon Parkman, Sr., 17-22 FGs (long 46), 40-41 PATs

SCORING: Parkman, 91 points

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . SOUTH CAROLINA
Sept. 9 . . . at Tennessee
Sept. 16 . . . NEW MEXICO STATE
Sept. 23 . . . at Mississippi
Sept. 30 . . . ALABAMA
Oct. 7 . . . at Clemson
Oct. 14 . . . at Vanderbilt
Oct. 21 . . . KENTUCKY
Oct. 28 . . . FLORIDA
Nov. 11 . . . AUBURN
Nov. 23 . . . at Georgia Tech

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . at S. Carolina; won, 24-21
Sept. 10 . . . TENNESSEE; lost, 41-23
Sept. 17 . . . NE LOUISIANA; won, 70-7
Sept. 24 . . . MISSISSIPPI; won, 17-14
Oct. 1 . . . at Alabama; lost, 29-28
Oct. 8 . . . CLEMSON; won, 40-14
Oct. 15 . . . VANDERBILT; lost, 43-30
Oct. 22 . . . at Kentucky; won, 34-30
Oct. 29 . . . at Florida; lost, 52-14
Nov. 12 . . . at Auburn; tied, 23-23
Nov. 25 . . . GEORGIA TECH; won, 48-10

MILESTONE

▪ Hunter needs just 309 yards receiving to break the school mark held by former All-SEC star Lindsay Scott, who rang up 2,098 from 1978-'81.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Finding an adequate replacement for Zeier.
- ✓ Getting some immediate help from junior college and freshmen newcomers.
- ✓ Making the transition to a new defensive scheme.

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By RICK BOZICH

You could call the 1994 Kentucky football season the Good, the Bad and the Ugly. But you had to be quick to catch the opening act. The Wildcats began their season with a stirring victory over Louisville in the first game of a new six-game series against their in-state rivals.

So much for the highlights.

The Wildcats then went to Gainesville and were beaten by nine touchdowns by Florida, and the season went downhill from there. There were five losses by 27 points or more. There was a jarring fourth consecutive loss against Vanderbilt. There was a home field loss to Northeast Louisiana, the first Division I-A victory in that school's history.

And, of course, there were howls for Kentucky to replace head coach Bill Curry, whose recruiting was even questioned by Wildcats' basketball coach Rick Pitino.

Curry survived — for at least one season. But he was encouraged to change at least three assistant coaches, including his recruiting coordinator and his offensive coordinator. Curry likely will have to win at least five games this season to survive.

OFFENSE: Can anybody here knock anybody down? That is the question everybody asks about the Wildcats. In junior halfbacks Moe Williams and Donnell Gordon, Kentucky has a pair of guys who can get tough yards between the tackles or long runs outside the ends. If only somebody will block for them.

Last year, nobody did, and the Kentucky running game stalled. Curry increased emphasis on strength training during the offseason. He also hired offensive coordinator Elliot Uzelac, who directed Rashaan Salaam and Kordell Stewart at Colorado, to rebuild the Wildcats' attack.

Problem is there are no Salaams or Stewarts at Kentucky. Opposing teams wonder if the Wildcats have an SEC-caliber quarterback. The job will probably go to junior Jeff Speedy, who suffered a string of injuries last fall while completing 54 of 119 passes for 580 yards but only one touchdown. With Uzelac, also look for Kentucky to give the double tight end formation a try.

DEFENSE: When you surrender 21 points or more in nine games and more than 50 points three times, it's obvious there is a major problem. At Kentucky, there were two problems — passing defense and running defense.

The Wildcats ranked last in the SEC in rushing defense as opponents rolled to more than 272 yards per game. Their pass defense ranked fifth in the league in yardage allowed, and that number is deceiving. Few teams had to pass against



KIO
SANFORD
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PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Jeff Speedy (Jr., 6-2, 186)*	Billy Jack Haskins (So., 6-1, 185)
TB: Moe Williams (Jr., 6-2, 196)*	Donnell Gordon (Jr., 5-10, 193)
FB: Michael Woodfork (Jr., 6-1, 205)	Carl Daley (Jr., 5-9, 204)
WR: Leon Smith (Sr., 5-10, 172)*	Kio Sanford (So., 5-11, 184)
WR: Jaysuma Simms (Jr., 6-0, 177)	Antonio O'Farral (Sr., 5-10, 176)
TE: Chris Davis (Jr., 6-7, 251)*	Isaac Curtis III (Jr., 6-3, 219)
LE: Jonas Liening (Fr., 6-8, 283)	Rob Reynolds (So., 6-6, 285)
LB: Barry Jones (Sr., 6-5, 283)*	Joey Sackett (Fr., 6-3, 256)
C: John Schlarman (So., 6-2, 276)*	David Berringer (So., 6-4, 264)
RG: Brandon Jackson (So., 6-4, 307)	Johnathan LaFollette (Fr., 6-2, 250)
RT: Andy Britt (Sr., 6-4, 287)	Kris Comstock (Fr., 6-8, 285)

DEFENSE

DE: Kurt Supe (Jr., 6-3, 249)*	Jason Thomas (Fr., 6-5, 259)
DE: Mike Schlegel (Sr., 6-5, 250)	Thad Corbin (So., 6-3, 258)
DE: Marvin Major (Fr., 6-3, 276)	Mark Jacobs (Fr., 6-3, 263)
DE: Chris Ward (Jr., 6-4, 248)	Jeff Tanner (Jr., 6-2, 248)
LB: David Snardon (Sr., 6-2, 237)*	David Ginn (So., 6-5, 213)
LB: Chad Hudson (So., 6-3, 233)*	Mike Schellenberger (Jr., 6-0, 238)
LB: Donte' Key (Sr., 6-3, 225)	Lamont Smith (So., 6-2, 227)
CB: Steven Hall (Sr., 6-1, 205)*	Carlos Collins (Sr., 6-0, 186)
CB: Kiyo Wilson (Jr., 5-11, 198)*	Van Hiles (Jr., 6-0, 185)
SS: George Harris (Sr., 5-11, 180)	Leman Boyd (Jr., 5-10, 191)*
FS: Reggie Rusk (Sr., 6-2, 185)	Dele Ali (So., 6-2, 193)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Brian Sivinski (Sr., 5-11, 180)*	Brian Johnson (So., 5-8, 155)
P: Brad Wulfeck (Fr., 6-2, 205)	James Carter (Fr., 5-10, 174)

(* denotes returning starter)

Curry's squad, and when teams did pass, they passed well. UK allowed 19 passing touchdowns (third worst in the league) but intercepted only seven of 270 passing attempts.

Linebacker should be the first position to solidify for the Wildcats. Sophomore Chad Hudson finished the season strongly and made the SEC All-Freshman team. David Snardon, now a senior, was voted Most Outstanding Linebacker. Senior Donte' Key should also shine.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Practice indeed makes perfect. There is a logical reason Kentucky ranked first in the league in kickoff returns — they returned more (54) than any-

body and averaged more yards per return (23.39). Kio Sanford is a game-breaker who returned one for a touchdown. He also returns punts.

Placekicker Brian Sivinski did not have many chances to kick, but made five of 10 field goals, including three of at least 40 yards. Nobody on the roster has punted a single time collegiately.

RECRUITING: The Wildcats grimaced as the three best in-state recruits all signed with other schools. There are no national Top 100 impact recruits in Kentucky's group.

Rick Bozich is a staff writer for the Louisville (Kent.) Courier-Journal.

FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Commonwealth Stadium, Lexington, Ky. (57,800, grass)
RETURNING STARTERS (13): Offense (6); Defense (6); Specialist (1)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Melvin Johnson, DB (1st-team All-SEC)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Jeff Speedy, Jr., 54-119-580 yards, 1 TD, 8 INTs
RUSHING: Moe Williams, Jr., 160 carries, 824 yards, 4 TDs
RECEIVING (catches): Leon Smith, Sr., 27
RECEIVING (yards): Smith, 375
TACKLES: David Snardon, Sr., 71
SACKS: Kurt Supe, Jr., 3
INTERCEPTIONS: Van Hiles, Jr., 3
PUNTING: None
KICKING: Brian Sivinski, Sr., 5-10 FGs (48 long), 12-15 PATs
SCORING: Williams, 30 points (5 TDs)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . LOUISVILLE
Sept. 9 . . . FLORIDA
Sept. 16 . . . at Indiana
Sept. 23 . . . at South Carolina
Sept. 30 . . . AUBURN
Oct. 14 . . . LSU
Oct. 21 . . . at Georgia
Oct. 28 . . . at Mississippi State
Nov. 4 . . . at Vanderbilt
Nov. 11 . . . CINCINNATI
Nov. 18 . . . TENNESSEE

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . LOUISVILLE; won, 20-14
Sept. 10 . . . at Florida; lost, 73-7
Sept. 17 . . . INDIANA; lost, 59-29
Sept. 24 . . . S. CAROLINA; lost, 23-9
Sept. 29 . . . at Auburn; lost, 41-14
Oct. 15 . . . at LSU; lost, 17-13
Oct. 22 . . . GEORGIA; lost, 34-30
Oct. 29 . . . MISSISSIPPI ST.; lost, 47-7
Nov. 5 . . . VANDERBILT; lost, 24-6
Nov. 12 . . . NE LOUISIANA; lost, 21-14
Nov. 19 . . . at Tennessee; lost, 52-0

MILESTONES

- Kickoff returner Kio Sanford ranked first in the SEC in return average (24.9).
- Halfback Moe Williams ranked 10th in the SEC in rushing (824 yards).

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Ability to control the line of scrimmage on either side of the ball.
- ✓ Early success against Louisville, Florida and Indiana to wipe away the futility of 1994 and stop talk about a coaching change.
- ✓ Development of an SEC-caliber quarterback.

VANDERBILT

COMMODORES

COACH: ROD DOWHOWER, 1ST SEASON;
5-5-1 OVERALL
'94 RECORD: 5-6 (2-6 CONF)

By MIKE STRANGE

When was the last time a Vanderbilt coach with a losing record left for a more prestigious program like LSU? Gerry DiNardo did just that last December, and Vanderbilt reacted with an equally surprising hire in 51-year-old Rod Dowhower who has spent most of his 29-year career as an NFL assistant, most recently as quarterbacks coach with the Cleveland Browns.

His previous head-coaching experience came at Stanford (1979) and with the Indianapolis Colts (1985-'86). Dowhower's resume boasts connections with a number of successful coaches (Bill Walsh) and quarterbacks (John Elway). The coaching staff he's assembled also knows a thing or two about winning, sporting a combined 14 Super Bowl rings.

Dowhower and his staff will try to bring that winning edge to one of major college football's losingest programs. DiNardo came close, winning five games twice, but could never get over the hump against an overmatched SEC schedule.

The Commodores return 18 starters, but one wonders if Dowhower checked the schedule before accepting the job. Vandy opens with Alabama and Notre Dame, then finishes at Florida and Tennessee.

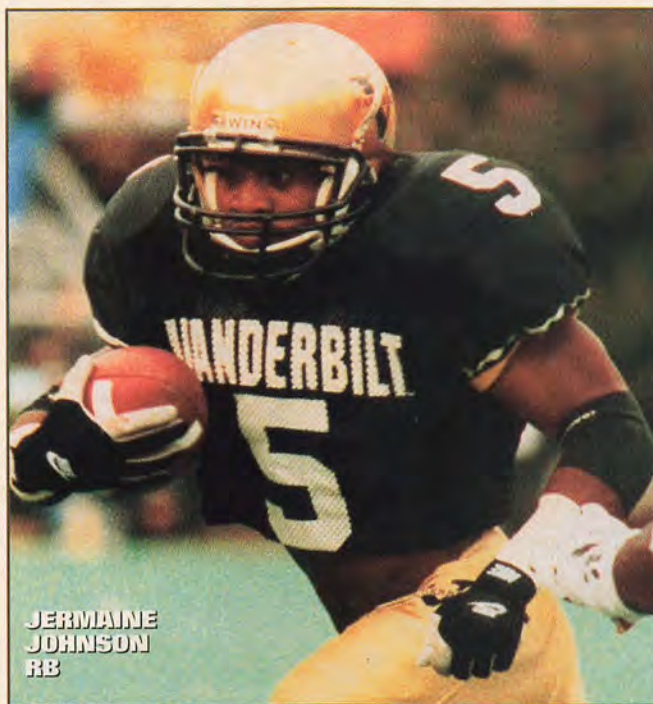
OFFENSE: DiNardo made the Commodores into one of the SEC's top rushing teams to both control the clock and protect a vulnerable defense. Vandy's passing game, however, was a joke. In '93, the Commodores were the only Division I-A team not to complete a single touchdown pass. Things were only slightly better last year.

Dowhower promises to improve the passing game. However, he and his staff must work with the material available. Former NFL quarterback Jeff Rutledge will coach the quarterbacks; however, incumbent quarterback Ronnie Gordon has a questionable arm at best.

Jermaine Johnson leads the running game. Last fall, he showed speed — a 4.26 second 40-yard dash — that has been a rare commodity in a Vandy tailback. He and Cliff Deese, who also returns, combined for more than 1,200 rushing yards in '94. The receiving corps, headed by ex-quarterback Kenny Simon, is largely untested because of DiNardo's scheme. SEC All-freshman pick Will Jacobs will join fellow returning starter Robert Couch as offensive line cornerstones.

"There will be a lot of teaching," Dowhower said, "not unlike a classroom situation with spiral notebooks and pencils, because this will be a totally new system for them."

DEFENSE: Vanderbilt's defense steadily improved under DiNardo, and he left 10 starters for the new regime. Consistency, however, has



JERMAINE JOHNSON
RB

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Ronnie Gordon (Jr., 6-1, 193)*
RB: Jermaine Johnson (Jr., 5-7, 178)*
HB: Paul Morgan (So., 6-0, 221)
WR: Kenny Simon (Sr., 6-0, 193)*
WR: Duane Todd (So., 6-4, 210)
TE: Jason Tomichuk (Jr., 6-5, 254)*
LE: Robert Couch (Sr., 6-6, 295)*
LB: Mike Jones (Sr., 6-2, 268)
CB: Chad Wood (So., 6-4, 275)
RB: Will Jacobs (So., 6-5, 291)*
RE: Allen DeGraffenreid (Jr., 6-5, 271)

Damien Allen (So., 6-3, 184)
Cliff Deese (Sr., 5-8, 183)
Royce Love (Sr., 6-2, 240)
Sanford Ware (Sr., 5-10, 178)
Bobby Jackson (Jr., 5-10, 186)
Marcus E. Williams (So., 6-4, 244)
Josh Whicker (Fr., 6-2, 284)
Bill White (Jr., 6-2, 278)
Jim Anguiano (Fr., 6-2, 268)
Tim Stover (Jr., 6-2, 263)
Josh Whicker (Fr., 6-2, 284)

DEFENSE

DE: Jay Stallworth (So., 6-2, 255)*
DE: Matt Schuckman (So., 6-4, 260)*
DE: James Manley (Sr., 6-4, 291)*
DE: Brian Boykin (Jr., 6-3, 270)*
LB: Mark Jefcoat (Jr., 6-2, 224)*
LB: Carlton Hall (So., 6-1, 235)
LB: Kirk Williams (Jr., 6-0, 228)*
CB: Corey Chavous (So., 6-1, 202)*
CB: Anthony Azama (So., 5-11, 172)*
SS: Matt Anderson (So., 5-11, 186)*
FS: Eric Vance (Jr., 6-4, 214)*

Glenn Young (So., 6-4, 247)
Kenny Jackson Christian (So., 6-3, 240)
Bryan DeGraffenreid (Sr., 6-6, 259)
Jason Hill (So., 6-4, 246)
Shawn Stuckey (So., 6-1, 215)
John Bradley (Fr., 6-2, 222)
Darweshi Miles (Fr., 6-1, 230)
Marcus Lewis (So., 5-10, 171)
Robert Sheffield (So., 6-1, 186)
Marcus A. Williams (Fr., 6-1, 197)
Antony Jordan (So., 6-4, 216)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Steve Yenner (Sr., 6-0, 173)*
P: Bill Marinangel (Jr., 6-2, 215)*

Brett Speakman (Fr., 5-11, 170)
Steve Yenner (Sr., 6-0, 173)

(* denotes returning starter)

been a problem. Alabama managed only 17 points last year, but two weeks later lowly Arkansas got 42. Florida scored just 24, but the following week Tennessee rang up 65.

Dowhower brought Woody Widenhofer with him from the Browns to head up the defense. Widenhofer is best known for his work with Pittsburgh's "Steel Curtain" defense that won four Super Bowls in the 1970's.

All-SEC linebacker Gerald Collins is a tough loss. Up front, veterans James Manley and Brian Boykin are strong leaders. The secondary paid some dues last year, starting true freshmen Anthony

Azama and Corey Chavous at cornerback but that experience should pay dividends this fall.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Punter Bill Marinangel and kicker Steve Yenner are back. Johnson's raw speed makes him a threat on kick returns.

RECRUITING: The coaching transition was a setback, but some needs were filled, particularly on the offensive line. Two pass-oriented quarterbacks came on board, but both missed spring practice and are unlikely to make an immediate impact in '95.

Mike Strange is a staff writer for the Knoxville (Tenn.) News-Sentinel.

FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Vanderbilt Stadium, Nashville, Tenn. (41,000, artificial)
RETURNING STARTERS (18): Offense (6); Defense (10); Specialists (2)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Gerald Collins, LB (1st-team All-SEC)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Ronnie Gordon, Jr., 86-203-991 yards, 2 TDs, 9 INTs
RUSHING: Jermaine Johnson, Jr., 167 carries, 877 yards, 7 TDs
RECEIVING (catches): Kenny Simon, Sr., 20, 1 TD
RECEIVING (yards): Simon, 271
TACKLES: Eric Vance, Jr., 79
SACKS: James Manley, Sr., 9
INTERCEPTIONS: Corey Chavous, So., 3
PUNTING: Bill Marinangel, Jr., 40.8 avg.
KICKING: Steve Yenner, Sr., 5-13 FGs, 8-9 PATs
SCORING: Gordon, 78 points (13 TDs)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . ALABAMA
Sept. 16 . . . at Notre Dame
Sept. 23 . . . TCU
Sept. 30 . . . ARKANSAS
Oct. 14 . . . GEORGIA
Oct. 21 . . . at South Carolina
Oct. 28 . . . at Mississippi
Nov. 4 . . . KENTUCKY
Nov. 11 . . . LOUISIANA TECH
Nov. 18 . . . at Florida
Nov. 25 . . . at Tennessee

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . WAKE FOREST; won, 35-14
Sept. 10 . . . at Alabama; lost, 17-7
Sept. 17 . . . MISSISSIPPI; lost, 20-14
Oct. 1 . . . at Arkansas; lost, 42-6
Oct. 8 . . . at Cincinnati; won, 34-24
Oct. 15 . . . at Georgia; won, 43-30
Oct. 22 . . . S. CAROLINA; lost, 19-16
Oct. 29 . . . N. ILLINOIS; won, 17-16
Nov. 5 . . . at Kentucky; won, 24-6
Nov. 19 . . . FLORIDA; lost, 24-7
Nov. 26 . . . TENNESSEE; lost, 65-0

MILESTONES

- Vanderbilt has had only four winning seasons since 1960.
- The Commodores' game at Notre Dame will be its first-ever meeting with the Irish.
- Vanderbilt plays six 1994 bowl teams (Alabama, Notre Dame, TCU, South Carolina, Florida and Tennessee) this fall.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Win non-conference games because of a tough SEC schedule.
- ✓ Make opponents respect their passing game.
- ✓ Avoid giving up so many big plays on defense.

By DOUG SEGREST

You want pressure? Try taking over for one of the most popular coaches in your school's history and, at the same time, begin your fresh start under the cloud of NCAA probation.

OK, so it was nothing for Terry Bowden. He replaced Pat Dye by going 11-0 his first season and danced the sanctions away with another outstanding season last year.

Now there's pressure. Having delivered the unthinkable, Auburn's fortunes have only raised the expectations.

"Now, everybody thinks we're going to win it all just because we're eligible," Bowden said. "Where are we going? Sugar Bowl? Fiesta Bowl? Who are we playing in the conference championship? Those are questions I get."

The answer? Just wait and see.

Another upset of the Gators, coupled with a reversal of last year's fortune against 'Bama, and Bowden may be spending the postseason the same way he spent the past two — at a family reunion. Only this time, the reunion could feature a Terry Bowden vs. Bobby Bowden, Auburn vs. Florida State Fiesta Bowl matchup as the centerpiece.

OFFENSE: The Tigers' offense should be explosive, with tailback Stephen Davis playing the role of catalyst in what he hopes will be a Heisman Trophy year. Davis proved his on-field ability last season, when he led the SEC in rushing with 1,263 yards. This offseason, he has been trying to polish his off-field skills — working on how he presents himself to the media in order to make him a more affable candidate.

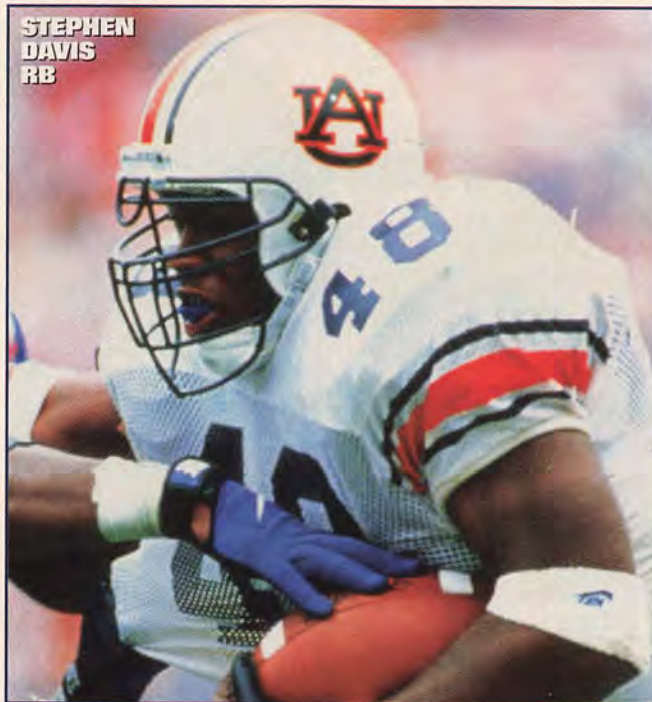
The Tigers' front-line is a solid, experienced group led by All-SEC picks Shannon Roubique at center and Willie Anderson at tackle.

The Tigers are deep at quarterback, where senior Patrick Nix returns after producing a nine-win season in his first as a starter. Yet speculation centers on his backup, sophomore Dameyune Craig, a talented runner and thrower who Bowden would like to see turn the signal caller's job into a battle royale.

"That position has got to be open to competition," Bowden said. "Right now, though, there's no quarterback controversy. Patrick Nix is No. 1."

DEFENSE: Coordinator Wayne Hall has his work cut out for him on defense, where Auburn suffered big losses to the NFL. Linemen Mike Pelton and Gary Walker were fifth-round selections in the draft. But another former Tiger, cornerback Brian Robinson, wasn't taken. The bad news for Auburn is that Robinson was the secondary stalwart a year ago, and had a season of eligibility remaining.

The linebacking unit of Marcellus Mostella, Terry Solomon, Anthony Harris and Jason Miska may be the SEC's best. Hall has switched



STEPHEN DAVIS
RB

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Patrick Nix (Sr., 6-2, 199)*	Dameyune Craig (So., 6-1, 190)
TB: Stephen Davis (Sr., 6-2, 233)*	Harold Morrow (Sr., 5-11, 211)
FB: Fred Beasley (So., 6-0, 212)	Kevin McLeod (So., 6-0, 228)
WR: Willie Gasha (Jr., 6-1, 171)	Tyreece Williams (So., 6-1, 180)
WR: Tyrone Goodson (So., 6-2, 177)	Hicks Poor (Jr., 6-0, 166)
TE: Andy Fuller (Jr., 6-2, 252)*	Jesse McCovey (Jr., 6-2, 257)
DE: Willie Anderson (Jr., 6-6, 306)*	Jim Roe (Jr., 6-5, 289)
OG: Leonard Thomas (Jr., 6-2, 283)*	Kendall Mack (Fr., 6-4, 294)
C: Shannon Roubique (Sr., 6-1, 275)*	James Kiger (So., 6-3, 265)
OG: Jason Tyler (Sr., 6-1, 288)*	Douglas Forrester (Fr., 6-3, 268)
DE: John Franklin (Jr., 6-9, 293)	Victor Riley (So., 6-5, 310)*

DEFENSE

DE: Nate Smith (So., 6-5, 271)	Scott Stacey (Sr., 6-1, 242)
NT: Carl Lavine (Fr., 6-3, 277)	Charles Dorsey (Fr., 6-3, 279)
DE: Shannon Suttle (So., 6-4, 265)	James Roscoe (Fr., 6-3, 241)
LB: Terry Solomon (Jr., 6-2, 228)	Bobby Daffin (So., 6-3, 236)
LB: Anthony Harris (Sr., 6-2, 233)*	LeDerrick Odom (So., 6-2, 228)
LB: Jason Miska (Sr., 6-2, 222)*	Marcus Camp (Fr., 6-1, 233)
LB: Marcellus Mostella (Jr., 6-3, 228)*	Terrance Crowder (So., 6-1, 204)
CB: Dell McGee (Sr., 5-8, 181)*	Andy Swafford (So., 5-11, 177)
CB: Larry Melton (So., 5-11, 185)	LaFonzo McLean (Fr., 5-10, 174)
SS: Ken Alvis (So., 6-2, 200)*	Darryl Riggins (Jr., 6-1, 187)
FS: Charles Rose (Jr., 5-11, 187)	Liron Thomas (Jr., 6-1, 191)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Matt Hawkins (Sr., 5-10, 172)*	Kevin Gentle (Fr., 6-0, 196)
P: Matt Hawkins (Sr., 5-10, 172)	Jeremy Zills (Fr., 6-2, 192)

(* denotes returning starter)

alignments, from the 4-3 to the 3-4, in order to take advantage of the depth at backer.

Unfortunately, the Tigers aren't as strong up front. Pencil in sophomores Nate Smith and Shannon Suttle at ends and redshirt freshman Carl Lavine at nose tackle. And then look for a shuffle of replacements as Auburn tries to develop depth and experience early before the schedule heats up.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Senior place-kicker Matt Hawkins will be taking on added duties, doubling as punter due to the graduation of Terry Daniel. Hawkins, a major unknown before last season, made 13 of 18 field goals.

Whether or not Hawkins can fill

Daniel's kicking cleats hasn't been answered. Daniel led the SEC in punting for two straight years. If the overtime proves too taxing for Hawkins, redshirt freshman kicker Kevin Gentle is waiting in the wings.

RECRUITING: The Tigers' success on the field has translated into recruiting success. Running backs Eric Tucker and Rusty Williams are solid prospects, while wideout Erick Lowe and tight end Quinton Reese are future stars. The Tigers did a terrific job of landing defensive backs and offensive linemen.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Jordan-Hare Stadium, Auburn, Ala. (85,214, grass)
RETURNING STARTERS (14): Offense (8); Defense (5); Specialists (1)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Terry Daniel, P (1st-team All-SEC); Mike Pelton, DL (2nd-team All America); Brian Robinson, DB (1st-team All America); Frank Sanders, WR (1st-team All America);

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Patrick Nix, Sr., 169-299-2,206 yards, 13 TDs, 7 INTs
RUSHING: Stephen Davis, Sr., 221 carries, 1,263 yards, 13 TDs
RECEIVING (catches): Harold Morrow, Sr., 15
RECEIVING (yards): Andy Fuller, Sr., 211
TACKLES: Anthony Harris, Sr., 116
SACKS: Scott Stacey, Sr., 5
PUNTING: None
KICKING: Matt Hawkins, Sr., 13-18 FGs (long 45); 40-43 PATs
SCORING: Hawkins, 79 points

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . MISSISSIPPI
 Sept. 9 . . . UT-CHATTANOOGA
 Sept. 16 . . . at LSU
 Sept. 30 . . . at Kentucky
 Oct. 5 . . . MISSISSIPPI STATE
 Oct. 14 . . . FLORIDA
 Oct. 21 . . . N.E. LOUISIANA
 Oct. 28 . . . at Arkansas
 Nov. 4 . . . WESTERN MICHIGAN
 Nov. 11 . . . at Georgia
 Nov. 18 . . . ALABAMA

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . at Mississippi; won, 22-17
 Sept. 10 . . . N.E. LA.; won, 44-12
 Sept. 17 . . . LSU; won, 30-26
 Sept. 24 . . . E. TENN. ST.; won, 38-0
 Sept. 29 . . . KENTUCKY; won, 41-14
 Oct. 8 . . . at Miss. St.; won, 42-18
 Oct. 15 . . . at Florida; won, 36-33
 Oct. 29 . . . ARKANSAS; won, 31-14
 Nov. 5 . . . E. CAROLINA; won, 38-21
 Nov. 12 . . . GEORGIA; tied, 23-23
 Nov. 19 . . . at Alabama; lost, 21-14

MILESTONE

■ Terry Bowden's 20-0 start as head coach at Auburn is a record for Div.-I coaches.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Finding adequate replacements at WR for Frank Sanders and Thomas Bailey.
- ✓ Taking advantage of a schedule which includes home games against SEC contenders Mississippi State, Florida and Alabama.
- ✓ A Heisman Trophy-caliber season from RB Stephen Davis.



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By DOUG SEGREST

In what has become an annual understatement, Alabama head coach Gene Stallings tried to assess his team for the upcoming season.

"I think we can be competitive," groused Stallings, who learned the art of underplaying one's hand from the master himself, Bear Bryant. "That's if we stay healthy."

Competitive? A 6-5 record is competitive. What Stallings returns in his sixth season at Alabama is another squad that should be among the nation's best heading into late-November. Despite losing a senior class that accounted for 45 wins in four seasons, 'Bama has depth and strength at most key positions and should boast a defense among the stingiest in the land.

Gone, but not forgotten, is the Tide's leading career passer, Jay Barker — a fifth-round draft choice of the Green Bay Packers. So why, without a quarterback that out passed the likes of Joe Namath and Bart Starr on the school's passing annals, is Stallings smiling and saying, "Offensively, I think we ought to be pretty good"?

The controls of Alabama's multiple attack will be put in the hands of senior Brian Burgdorf, Barker's capable backup the past three seasons.

OFFENSE: Other than Barker, the biggest void was created by the graduation of tailback Sherman Williams, the SEC's No. 2 rusher last year. Williams was a versatile player, capable of catching the key possession pass as well as grinding out five yards on first down. Dennis Riddle and Brian Steger should split the tailback duties, with highly touted freshman Shaun Alexander quickly entering the mix.

The new backs will run behind a veteran line. The Tide doesn't have any stars up front, but it can go two-deep at four of the interior line positions. The question is at center, where starter John Causey's status is unknown due to a severe knee injury suffered in the Citrus Bowl.

The strength of the offense is at receiver. The team's top three wide-outs — Curtis Brown, Chad Key and Toderick Malone — all return. Junior Marcell West should be a big surprise.

DEFENSE: Alabama suffered big losses in the secondary, where three starters graduated. The best of the returnees is sophomore cornerback Deshea Townsend. JUCO transfer Kevin Jackson should settle into one of the safety spots.

Despite the inexperience, don't expect foes to exploit the secondary because the Tide's defensive front returns nearly intact, led by Ozell Powell and All-America candidate Shannon Brown. Pressure should be provided by ends Kelvin Moore and Kendrick Burton. Darryl Blackburn, a speedy converted linebacker, would have been another pass rush specialist, but he has been diagnosed



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PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Brian Burgdorf (Sr., 6-2, 280)	Freddie Kitchens (Jr., 6-2, 230)
RB: Dennis Riddle (So., 6-0, 195)	Brian Steger (Jr., 6-3, 210)
FB: Ed Scissum (Fr., 6-0, 210)	Taurus Turner (Jr., 6-1, 200)
WR: Curtis Brown (Sr., 6-2, 185)*	Chad Key (Sr., 6-5, 213)
WR: Toderick Malone (Sr., 5-11, 171)*	Marcell West (Jr., 5-11, 177)
TE: Patrick Hays (Jr., 6-4, 238)*	Rod Rutledge (So., 6-4, 243)
LT: Kareem McNeal (Sr., 6-5, 285)*	Sage Spree (Fr., 6-4, 275)
LG: Maurice Belser (Sr., 6-1, 285)*	Will Friend (So., 6-2, 265)
C: John Causey (Jr., 6-2, 262)*	Michael Ray (So., 6-5, 305)
RG: Laron White (Jr., 6-2, 272)	Jeremy Pennington (Jr., 6-2, 272)
RT: Pete DiMario (Jr., 6-4, 276)	Joel Holliday (So., 6-3, 292)

DEFENSE

DE: Kendrick Burton (Sr., 6-5, 288)	Vann Bodden (Sr., 6-5, 267)
DE: Shannon Brown (Sr., 6-5, 288)*	Ozell Powell (Jr., 6-5, 275)*
DE: Matt Parker (Sr., 6-4, 275)*	Eric Kerley (So., 6-1, 280)
DE: Kelvin Moore (Jr., 6-3, 288)	Anthony Dowdell (Jr., 6-1, 226)
LB: Dwayne Rudd (So., 6-2, 232)	Lamont Floyd (Jr., 6-2, 240)
LB: John Walters (Sr., 6-2, 225)	Tyrell Buckner (Jr., 6-0, 245)
LB: Ralph Staten (Jr., 6-3, 200)*	Paul Pickett (So., 6-2, 215)
CB: Brad Ford (Sr., 5-10, 170)	Tracy High (Jr., 5-9, 175)
CB: Deshea Townsend (So., 5-10, 170)*	Owen Winston (Fr., 6-0, 175)
SS: Andre Short (So., 5-11, 205)	Eric Turner (Sr., 6-1, 200)
FS: Cedric Samuel (Jr., 5-9, 177)	Jeremy Pruitt (Jr., 6-0, 172)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Michael Proctor (Sr., 5-11, 183)*	William Watts (Jr., 6-1, 180)
P: Hayden Stockton (Jr., 6-0, 193)*	Daniel Pope (Fr., 6-0, 188)

(* denotes returning starter)

with kidney problems, which may prematurely end his career.

The Tide lacks a disruptive force at linebacker but compensates with great depth. As many as 12 linebackers could see playing time, with Ralph Staten, Dwayne Rudd and Brad Ford headlining the group.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Two-time All-America placekicker Michael Proctor provides an instant scoring threat whenever Alabama crosses the opponents' 40. Not as reliable is the Tide's punting game, where Hayden Stockton and walk-on Daniel Pope are fighting to replace Bryne Diel.

The coverage teams were sharp last season, but the Tide saw a big dropoff

in their own return game. There's no David Palmer to the rescue, but Townsend (who wears Palmer's former number 2) is a threat.

RECRUITING: Limited to 14 scholarships due to sanctions expected from the NCAA, Alabama still ended up with a class ranked in many top-15 lists.

Alexander, one of the top running backs from Cincinnati, and Michael Vaughn, a fleet receiver from Mississippi, are the best of the lot. A main focus of this class was defensive backs; the Tide signed five.

Doug Segrest covers the Crimson Tide for the Birmingham (Ala.) News.

FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Bryant-Denny Stadium, Tuscaloosa, Ala. (70,123, grass)

RETURNING STARTERS (14): Offense (6); Defense (6); Specialists (2)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Jay Barker, QB (3rd-team All America, SEC Player of the Year); Willie Gaston, DB (2nd-team All-SEC); Dameian Jeffries, DL (2nd-team All America); Tommy Johnson, DB (1st-team All-SEC); Jon Stevenson OL (2nd-team All-SEC); Sherwin Williams, RB (2nd-team All America)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Brian Burgdorf, Sr., 4-13-42 yards, 1 INT

RUSHING: Brian Steger, Jr., 36 carries, 145 yards, 3 TDs

RECEIVING (catches): Curtis Brown, Sr., 39, 6 TDs

RECEIVING (yards): Brown, 639

TACKLES: Ralph Staten, Jr., 62

SACKS: Shannon Brown, Sr., 5

INTERCEPTIONS: Dwayne Rudd, So., 2

PUNTING: Hayden Stockton, Jr., 40 avg.

KICKING: Michael Proctor, Sr., 13-16

FGs (long 48); 32-32 PATs

SCORING: Proctor, 71 points

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . at Vanderbilt
Sept. 9 . . . S. MISSISSIPPI*
Sept. 16 . . . ARKANSAS
Sept. 30 . . . at Georgia
Oct. 7 . . . N.C. STATE
Oct. 14 . . . TENNESSEE*
Oct. 21 . . . at Mississippi
Oct. 28 . . . NORTH TEXAS*
Nov. 4 . . . LSU
Nov. 11 . . . MISSISSIPPI STATE
Nov. 18 . . . at Auburn
* at Birmingham, Ala.

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . UT-CHAT.; won, 42-13
Sept. 10 . . . VANDERBILT; won, 17-7
Sept. 17 . . . at Arkansas; won, 13-6
Sept. 24 . . . TULANE; won, 20-10
Oct. 1 . . . GEORGIA; won, 29-28
Oct. 8 . . . S. MISS; won, 14-6
Oct. 15 . . . at Tennessee; won, 17-13
Oct. 22 . . . MISSISSIPPI; won, 21-10
Nov. 5 . . . at LSU; won, 35-17
Nov. 12 . . . at Miss. St.; won, 29-25
Nov. 19 . . . AUBURN; won, 21-14
Dec. 3 . . . vs. Florida in SEC Championship; won, 24-23
Jan. 2 . . . vs. Ohio State in Citrus Bowl; won, 24-17

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Continued improvement along offensive front.
- ✓ Barker-like leadership from Brian Burgdorf.
- ✓ Score more than 17 points. Under Stallings, Alabama is 42-1-1 in games where it has scored 17 points or more.

MISSISSIPPI ST. BULLDOGS

COACH: JACKIE SHERRILL, 5TH YEAR, 25-20-2;
130-65-4 OVERALL
'94 RECORD: 8-4 (5-3 CONF.)
FINAL RANKING: NO. 24 AP, NO. 25
USA TODAY/CNN

By RON HIGGINS

While coach Jackie Sherrill has regenerated interest at one of the SEC's most barren outposts, there's also the line of thinking that the State football program has yet to get over a rather large hump. Though the Bulldogs have had three winning seasons in Sherrill's four years, it hasn't won a bowl game. Twice in the last three years, State has blown second-half leads in the Peach Bowl.

While State has generated some surprises — it has sprung homefield upsets of Florida in 1992 and Tennessee last season — the Bulldogs are 2-6 under Sherrill against Western Division powers Alabama and Auburn.

Sherrill is unfazed. He believes State is in position for a solid year, and he's still as driven as ever.

"I'm more at peace than I've ever been, but I'm still partially driven by fear of failure," he said. "I know I'm in a profession judged day-to-day."

State could be the SEC Western sleeper. If it can keep versatile quarterback Derrick Taite healthy — he limped through last season with an ankle he sprained in the season-opener — State's capable of getting that bowl win.

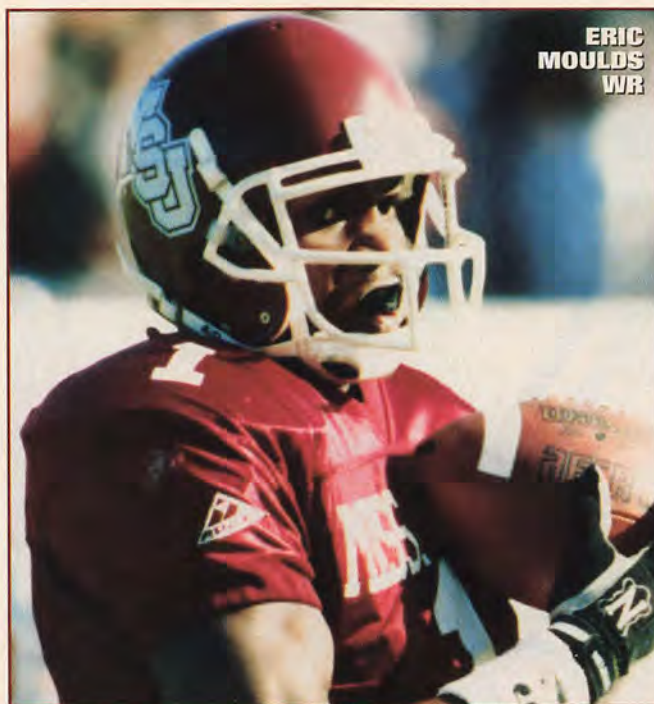
OFFENSE: The Bulldogs must replace four of five starters on an offense line that helped them average 196.5 yards per game last season, including an average of 288 per game in the last four contests.

Sherrill's dilemma is revamping his offensive philosophy. Last season, State had senior power backs Michael Davis and Kevin Bouie churning out yardage behind 300-pound-plus linemen, but the front line graduated. His answer is to let junior quarterback Derrick Taite, one of the SEC's slickest athletes, get the ball as often as possible to premier big-play maker Eric Moulds, the junior wide receiver who averaged 21.7 yards per catch and came up with the big plays a year ago.

"We want to change from power to finesse, and we'll try to get our fullback back into our running game," said Sherrill, who went with a lot of one-back sets last year.

DEFENSE: The secondary's lone returning starter is All-SEC cornerback Walt Harris, who finished fifth nationally with six interceptions last year. But other than Harris, there are nothing but question marks in the Bulldogs' secondary. Sherrill will try to fill the holes by moving two former wide receivers and a running back over to defense.

Junior inside linebacker Dwayne Curry is a star in the making. He had 123 tackles last year as a sophomore and has double-digit tackle performances in 15 of his 17 career starts. His sideline-to-sideline range is phenomenal.



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PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Derrick Taite (Jr., 6-4, 194)*	Darrin Clark (Sr., 6-1, 188)
RB: Keffer McGee (So., 5-10, 202)	Robert Isaac (So., 5-8, 160)
RB: Nakia Greer (So., 5-10, 221)	Tony Buckhalter (So., 5-10, 210)
WR: Chris Jones (Sr., 6-3, 202)*	Cameron Boyd (So., 6-2, 204)
WR: Eric Moulds (Sr., 6-3, 205)*	Gerald Daniels (Jr., 5-11, 170)
TE: John Jennings (Fr., 6-4, 228)	Sam Baker (So., 6-5, 271)
LF: Brent Smith (Jr., 6-6, 275)	Toby Myles (So., 6-6, 335)
LG: Brad Ainsworth (Jr., 6-2, 316)	Burt Ashley (So., 6-3, 293)
C: Brian Anderson (Sr., 6-5, 278)*	Dan Hoover (Jr., 6-5, 265)
RG: Henry McCann (Jr., 6-6, 303)	Matt Caldwell (Sr., 6-6, 322)
RE: Brian Wright (Sr., 6-5, 300)	Robert Hicks (So., 6-8, 340)

DEFENSE

DE: Larry Williams (Sr., 6-4, 275)	Kenneth Knotts (Fr., 6-3, 232)
DE: Corey Sears (Sr., 6-4, 310)	Koche Anderson (Jr., 6-2, 283)
DE: James Grier (So., 6-6, 289)*	Raymond Gee (Jr., 6-5, 277)
DE: Michael Lindsay (Jr., 6-1, 273)	Derrick Cagins (Sr., 6-4, 257)
LB: Paul Lacoste (Jr., 6-2, 239)	Torrey Youngblood (Jr., 5-10, 236)
LB: Dwayne Curry (Jr., 6-3, 248)*	Conley Earls (So., 6-1, 241)
LB: Gregory Favors (So., 6-3, 228)	Larry Campbell (Fr., 6-2, 221)
CB: Clay Mack (Sr., 6-0, 180)	Andre Williams (Fr., 6-0, 175)
CB: Izell McGill (So., 5-10, 161)	Bernard Euell (Sr., 5-10, 184)
SS: Jimmy Lipscomb (Jr., 5-10, 185)	Joe Macon (Jr., 5-10, 206)
FS: Walt Harris (Sr., 6-1, 187)*	Eric Daniel (Fr., 6-2, 176)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Tim Rogers (Sr., 5-10, 169)*	Brian Hazelwood (Fr., 6-0, 175)
P: Andy Russ (Jr., 6-0, 186)*	Jeff Walker (Fr., 6-0, 200)

(* denotes returning starter)

The biggest improvement will be up front, where several regulars return. Senior defensive end Larry Williams is the team's sack specialist, while nose tackle Corey Sears is the Bulldogs' best inside quarterback harrasser.

SPECIAL TEAMS: State doesn't have a scintillating kicking game. Junior Andy Ross averaged a mediocre 38.1 yards, and senior placekicker Tim Rogers doesn't have much range on his field goals, as evidenced by his 12-of-20 showing a year ago.

What makes the special teams somewhat special is Moulds, who led the nation and the SEC in kickoff

returns, returning 13 kicks for 426 yards (32.8 average). It's a remarkable feat considering opposing teams aimed their kickoffs away from Moulds most of the season.

RECRUITING: As good as State's secondary was last year, it still got burned by teams with excessively speedy wide receivers. That's why the Bulldogs recruited a passel of defensive backs who can fly, but Sherrill doesn't know if they'll mature quick enough to make an immediate impact.

Ron Higgins is a staff writer for the Memphis (Tenn.) Commercial Appeal.

FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Scott Field, Starkville, Miss. (41,656, grass)
RETURNING STARTERS (9): Offense (4); Defense (3); Specialists (2)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Jesse James, OL (3rd-team All-America)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Derrick Taite, Jr., 110-220-1,806 yards, 14 TDs, 8 INTs
RUSHING: Keffer McGee, So., 15 carries, 94 yards
RECEIVING (catches): Eric Moulds, Sr., 39, 7 TDs
RECEIVING (yards): Moulds, 845
TDs: Dwayne Curry, Jr., 123
SACKS: Larry Williams, Sr., 6
INTERCEPTIONS: Walt Harris, Sr., 6
PUNTING: Andy Russ, Jr., 38, 1 avg.
KICKING: Tim Rogers, Sr., 12-20 FGs (long 43), 34-36 PATs
SCORING: Rogers, 70 points

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . MEMPHIS
Sept. 9 . . . LSU
Sept. 16 . . . at Baylor
Sept. 23 . . . at Tennessee
Sept. 30 . . . NE LOUISIANA
Oct. 5 . . . at Auburn
Oct. 14 . . . SOUTH CAROLINA
Oct. 28 . . . KENTUCKY
Nov. 4 . . . at Arkansas
Nov. 11 . . . at Alabama
Nov. 25 . . . MISSISSIPPI

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . at Memphis; won, 17-6
Sept. 10 . . . at LSU; lost, 44-24
Sept. 24 . . . TENNESSEE; won, 24-21
Oct. 1 . . . ARKANSAS ST.; won, 49-3
Oct. 8 . . . AUBURN; lost, 42-18
Oct. 15 . . . at S. Carolina; won, 41-36
Oct. 22 . . . TULANE; won, 66-22
Oct. 29 . . . at Kentucky; won, 47-7
Nov. 5 . . . ARKANSAS; won, 17-7
Nov. 12 . . . ALABAMA; lost, 29-25
Nov. 26 . . . at Mississippi; won, 21-17
Jan. 1 . . . vs. N.C. State in Peach Bowl; lost, 28-24

MILESTONES

- All-SEC cornerback Walt Harris became State's all-time interception leader last year, picking off six passes to boost his career total to 12.
- Wide receiver Eric Moulds led the nation in kickoff returns, averaging 32.8 yards in 13 returns.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ A virtually all-new offensive line has to jell immediately.
- ✓ Quarterback Derrick Taite needs to be healthier than last season.
- ✓ Walt Harris must hold together revamped secondary.

By O.K. DAVIS

His full name is Gerard Paul DiNardo, but you can call him Gerry. That's the way he would prefer it, anyway. On a first-name basis. Up close and friendly.

Now if he can only win.

The 42-year-old head coach will begin a new era in the Bayou Bengals' tradition-rich program after having toiled the past four years at fellow Southeastern Conference school Vanderbilt.

When DiNardo was initially unveiled as LSU's new sideline commander, there were some mumblings around the watering holes in Baton Rouge about his 18-26 record with the Commodores. Other rumblings revolved around how he came from a school known more for academics than athletics.

But none of this bothers the ever-uptebeat Notre Dame graduate.

"I feel responsible to the fans to uphold their tradition, to continue to hold near all of the things that LSU coaches and teams have done before me. All I ask is that they support us," DiNardo said.

OFFENSE: Consistency wasn't the team's trademark in '94, one week moving the football with Swiss clock precision, the next struggling from the get-go.

That could all change this season. The five top rushers return. Three of the four leading receivers are back. The passing and total offense leader is also back.

Junior flanker Eddie Kennison is one of college football's most exciting players and is equally adept at reaching the end zone either as a runner or receiver. Kennison is one of three returning receivers with at least 21 receptions. The Tigers will also get a boost with the return of 6-foot-7, 275-pound senior tight end David LeFleur.

Junior tailback Jermaine Sharp led the Tigers in rushing last year with 750 yards and six touchdowns. Senior Jamie Howard should enjoy his best season after throwing for 1,997 yards and 13 touchdowns in 1994.

More good news is the return of four starters in the line, led by 293-pound senior guard Mark King.

DEFENSE: The LSU defense will have a tough act to follow. In 1994, the Tigers yielded only 291.9 yards per game, which made them the top-ranked overall defense among SEC teams. With seven starters returning, this unit could be nasty again.

Three interior regulars are back, including senior ends James Gillyard and Gabe Northern. Sophomore tackle David Carmona could vie for All-SEC honors.

At linebacker, two steady starters are back in juniors Mike Calais (76 tackles) and Allen Stansberry. Senior middle linebacker Robert Deshotel appears to be healthy again after missing all of last season due to



**JERMAINE
SHARP
RB**

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Jamie Howard (Sr., 6-1, 206)*	Melvin Hill (So., 5-11, 214)
TB: Jermaine Sharp (Jr., 5-10, 192)	Kendall Cleveland (So., 6-0, 205)
FB: Marquis Williams (So., 5-11, 220)	Allen Sanders (Sr., 5-11, 200)
WR: Eddie Kennison (Jr., 6-0, 187)*	Eric Smith (So., 6-0, 175)
WR: Sheddric Wilson (Sr., 6-2, 204)	Scott Clark (Sr., 5-9, 147)
TE: David LeFleur (Jr., 6-7, 275)*	Edward Singleton (So., 6-4, 280)
LT: Tom Turner (Sr., 6-5, 290)	Trey Champagne (Sr., 6-7, 295)
LB: Mark King (Sr., 6-4, 293)*	Jason Smothers (Sr., 5-11, 304)
C: Marcus Carmouche (Jr., 6-3, 267)	Rusty Barrilleaux (So., 6-3, 270)
RG: Adam Perry (So., 6-3, 297)*	Alan Faneca (So., 6-4, 295)
RE: Ben Bordelon (Jr., 6-6, 197)	Sean Wells (Jr., 6-5, 278)*

DEFENSE

DE: James Gillyard (Sr., 6-2, 249)*	Eric Valentino (Sr., 6-4, 223)
LE: Pete Ballis (Sr., 6-2, 262)	Chuck Wiley (So., 6-4, 246)
RE: David Carmona (So., 6-0, 267)*	Trupania Bonner (So., 6-3, 240)
DE: Gabe Northern (Sr., 6-3, 233)*	Kenny Mixon (So., 6-4, 240)
LB: Allen Stansberry (Jr., 6-1, 219)*	Aaron Adams (So., 6-2, 215)
LB: Mike Calais (Jr., 6-1, 233)*	Robert Deshotel (Sr., 6-3, 245)
LB: Pat Rogers (Jr., 6-0, 217)	Kimajha Brooks (Sr., 6-1, 225)
CB: Denard Walker (Jr., 6-1, 185)	David Butler (Sr., 5-9, 180)
CB: Tory James (Sr., 6-2, 181)*	Jimmy Taylor (So., 5-11, 181)
SS: Talvi Crawford (Sr., 6-0, 210)	Chris Green (So., 6-0, 210)
FS: Casey Howard (Jr., 6-3, 195)	Clarence Lanton (Jr., 5-11, 181)*

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Andre' Lafleur (Sr., 5-11, 189)*	Wade Richey (So., 6-3, 195)
P: Chad Kessler (So., 6-1, 189)*	Mark Walker (So., 5-11, 175)

(* denotes returning starter)

injuries suffered in a car accident.

The biggest gaps are in the secondary, where three starters are gone. Senior cornerback Tory James, who led the team last year with five interceptions, is back.

"The great LSU teams have had great defenses. And I suspect that we're going to be an outstanding defensive team," said DiNardo.

SPECIAL TEAMS: This area should be among the team's best as every starter, led by Kennison, is back. The deceptive return specialist finished second in punt returns (12.2 avg.) and fourth in kickoff returns (24.8) among SEC players last year. Senior placekicker Andre Lafleur,

who led the team in scoring last year with 57 points, and sophomore punter Chad Kessler (36.7 avg.) also return.

RECRUITING: Leading a strong list of recruits is running back Kevin Faulk of Carencro, La., High. Faulk made virtually every All-America team and was chosen as the Player of the Year for the state's highest classification (5-A) for the second consecutive season. In his career, Faulk rushed for 4,877 yards on 603 carries and scored 62 touchdowns.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Tiger Stadium, Baton Rouge, La. (80,150, grass)
RETURNING STARTERS (15): Offense (6); Defense (7); Specialists (2).
KEY PLAYERS LOST: None

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Jamie Howard, Sr., 140-274-1,997 yards, 13 TDs, 17 INTs
RUSHING: Jermaine Sharp, Jr., 135 carries, 750 yards, 6 TDs
RECEIVING (catches): Sheddric Wilson, Sr., 30, 2 TDs
RECEIVING (yards): Eddie Kennison, Jr., 349
TACKLES: Mike Calais, Jr., 76
SACKS: Gabe Northern, Sr., 11
INTERCEPTIONS: Tory James, Sr., 5
PUNTING: Chad Kessler, So., 36.7 avg.
KICKING: Andre Lafleur, Sr., 10-14 FGs (long 45); 27-27 PATs
SCORING: Lafleur, 57 points

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . at Texas A&M
Sept. 9 . . . at Mississippi State
Sept. 16 . . . AUBURN
Sept. 23 . . . RICE
Sept. 30 . . . at South Carolina
Oct. 7 . . . FLORIDA
Oct. 14 . . . at Kentucky
Oct. 21 . . . NORTH TEXAS
Nov. 4 . . . at Alabama
Nov. 11 . . . MISSISSIPPI
Nov. 25 . . . ARKANSAS

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . TEXAS A&M; lost, 18-13
Sept. 10 . . . MISS. ST.; won, 44-24
Sept. 17 . . . at Auburn; lost, 30-26
Oct. 1 . . . S. CAROLINA; lost, 18-17
Oct. 8 . . . at Florida; lost, 42-18
Oct. 15 . . . KENTUCKY; won, 17-13
Oct. 29 . . . at Mississippi; lost, 34-21
Nov. 5 . . . ALABAMA; lost, 35-17
Nov. 12 . . . S. MISS.; lost, 20-18
Nov. 19 . . . at Tulane; won, 49-25
Nov. 26 . . . at Arkansas; won, 30-12

MILESTONES

- Eddie Kennison was fifth in the nation in punt returns (12.2) and No. 19 in kickoff returns (24.8).
- With 4,665 career passing yards, Jamie Howard needs 2,256 yards to move into second on LSU's all-time list. Tommy Hodson (1986-'89) is the all-time leader with 9,115 yards.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Establish a consistent, productive and balanced offense.
- ✓ Handle difficulty in early part of schedule.
- ✓ Maintain improve defensive performance, which jumped from No. 12 in SEC in 1993 to No. 1 in 1994.

ARKANSAS

RAZORBACKS

COACH: DANNY FORD, 3RD YEAR, 9-12-1;
105-41-5 OVERALL
'94 RECORD: 4-7 (2-6 CONF.)

By RON HIGGINS

The Razorbacks were always a step away last season. A fourth-quarter offensive collapse produced a seven-point loss to Alabama. An ill-timed audible on a two-point conversion resulted in a one-point defeat to Memphis. Arkansas led at Auburn, 14-10, after three quarters, but lost by 17.

"We've had a hard time getting over the hump," Arkansas coach Danny Ford said.

Ford took over a downtrodden program two years ago at a time when Arkansas was entering the SEC. He has openly admitted the Hogs don't have the talent yet to compete in the SEC, but he expects them to be there shortly.

"There are some things our guys don't know about yet and some of them ain't ever going to learn because they don't want to sacrifice to play," Ford said.

Despite Ford's honest assessment of his program, Hog fans believe he'll get it done. The proof is in the turnstiles, where the Hogs drew an average of 48,196 last year.

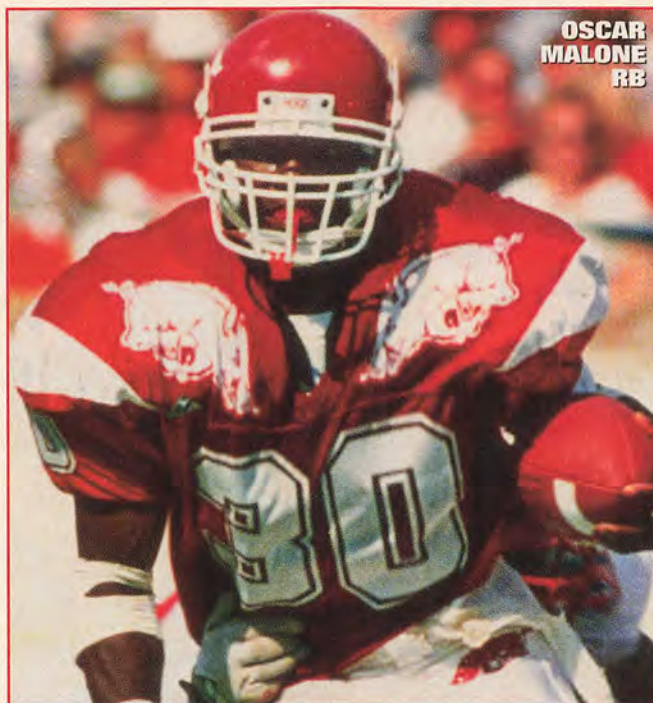
OFFENSE: Is there a quarterback in the house? There wasn't an experienced one in March, which is why Arkansas delayed the start of spring practice until basketball season was over. You see, returning starter Barry Lunney was playing with the baseball team and top reserve Robert Reed was a basketball bench-warmer. Since Ford felt like he'd be wasting his time conducting spring practices without either QB, he waited. The Hogs have some talent in place. Lunney is a heady QB, throwing for 1,345 yards in '94, but Reed's raw, physical talent is exciting.

The same can be said for tailback Madre Hill, who could burst into SEC stardom this season. Oscar Malone, the Hogs' top returning rusher (597 yards, three TDs), suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee this past spring and will be redshirted this season.

If Arkansas gets blocking, it could do some damage, because Lunney has two waterbug receivers for targets in J.J. Meadors and James Perry. Why this offense averaged 19.6 points last season is puzzling because it has outstanding skill players.

DEFENSE: Although the Hogs were solid defensively under coordinator Joe Kines, allowing 323 yards per game, they also caused just 19 turnovers. When Kines left after last season to become Georgia's defensive coordinator, Ford knew exactly who he wanted—Ole Miss' innovative Joe Lee Dunn, whose reputation for masking his defense's weaknesses with odd alignments and unexpected blitzing has made him a commodity. Players love playing in his system.

He'll have some talent to turn loose in his first year in Fayetteville. The Hogs have two premier pass rushers in



OSCAR
MALONE
RB

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Barry Lunney (Sr., 6-2, 190)*	Robert Reed (So., 6-2, 200)
TB: Madre Hill (So., 5-11, 182)	Marius Johnson (Sr., 5-8, 176)
FB: Tyrone Henry (So., 5-11, 228)	Jessie Cornelius (Jr., 5-10, 219)
WR: Anthony Eubanks (So., 6-2, 194)*	Anthony Lucas (Fr., 6-3, 190)
WR: James Perry (Jr., 5-8, 173)	J.J. Meadors (Sr., 5-6, 153)*
TE: Mark Baker (So., 6-3, 248)	Carl Johnson (Sr., 6-2, 240)*
LE: Carlos Showers (Jr., 6-5, 289)*	Keith Hopkins (Jr., 6-4, 259)
LB: Russ Brown (Fr., 6-0, 274)	Eddie Mosley (Jr., 6-4, 269)
C: Earl Scott (Sr., 6-2, 272)*	Chris Miller (Jr., 6-1, 283)
RG: Verl Mitchell (Sr., 6-4, 292)*	Shannon Shelby (Jr., 6-5, 272)
RT: Winston Alderson (Jr., 6-4, 288)	Scott Rivers (Jr., 6-5, 268)

DEFENSE

DE: Marcus Adair (Sr., 6-3, 234)*	Melvin Bradley (Fr., 6-2, 250)
DE: Geno Bell (Jr., 6-2, 294)*	Chad Abernathy (Fr., 6-5, 253)
DE: Junior Soli (Sr., 6-3, 290)*	Ryan Hale (Fr., 6-5, 283)
DE: Ken Anderson (So., 6-4, 280)	David Sanders (So., 6-4, 283)
DE: Steven Conley (Sr., 6-5, 229)*	Norman Nero (Fr., 6-1, 213)
LB: Mark Smith (Jr., 6-3, 244)*	Sam Brooks (So., 5-11, 234)
LB: Vincent Bradford (Jr., 6-2, 221)	Anthony Hicks (Jr., 6-2, 229)
CB: Spencer Brown (Sr., 5-11, 183)	Marcus Campbell (So., 6-0, 176)
CB: Tracy Cantlope (Sr., 5-10, 177)*	Zac Painter (Fr., 5-9, 193)
SS: Mike Nunnerley (Sr., 6-1, 201)	DeAnthony Hall (Fr., 5-10, 193)
FS: Del Delco (Sr., 6-0, 215)*	Phillip Hayes (Jr., 5-11, 190)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Todd Latourette (Fr., 6-3, 205)	James Lee (So., 6-0, 187)
P: Matt Wait (So., 5-10, 227)*	Quinn Guidry (Fr., 5-10, 182)

(* denotes returning starter)

outside linebacker Mark Smith and defensive end Marcus Adair, who accounted for seven sacks last year. At 6-foot-3, 290 pounds, nose guard Junior Soli is one of the Razorbacks' lone big playmakers.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Placekicker Lance Ellison's inconsistency killed the Razorbacks all season. He's graduated, so Ford will conduct a kicker's derby to take his place. Newcomer Quinn Guidry may be the answer. Sophomore punter Matt Wait doesn't have a cannon for a leg, but he averaged 40.6 yards and rarely placed his coverage team in difficult situations. Madre Hill and underrated Mike Higgins are the best

bets as returners—Hill had a 100-yard scoring return last season.

RECRUITING: Ford was moaning last season that "we haven't signed 25 players yet who can help us." With his latest recruiting class, he can no longer say that. He told virtually every player he signed they'd have a chance to play immediately, and it wasn't a recruiting ploy. Expect true freshman Chris Akins to challenge for a starting spot. Also, D.J. Cooper, a healthy 6-4, 250-pound defensive lineman from Mesquite, Texas, may play early.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Razorback Stadium, Fayetteville, Ark. (50,019, artificial)
RETURNING STARTERS: (15); Offense (7); Defense (7); Specialists (1)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: None

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Barry Lunney, Sr., 101-183-1,345 yards, 11 TDs, 6 INTs
RUSHING: Madre Hill, So., 74 carries 351 yards, 3 TDs
RECEIVING (catches): J.J. Meadors, Sr., 43, 5 TDs
RECEIVING (yards): Meadors, 613
TACKLES: Mark Smith, Jr., 79
SACKS: Marcus Adair, Sr., 7
INTERCEPTIONS: Smith, 2
PUNTING: Matt Wait, So., 40.6 avg.
KICKING: None
SCORING: Meadors, 30 points (5 TDs)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . at SMU
Sept. 9 . . . SOUTH CAROLINA
Sept. 16 . . . at Alabama
Sept. 23 . . . MEMPHIS
(at Little Rock)
Sept. 30 . . . at Vanderbilt
Oct. 7 . . . TENNESSEE
Oct. 14 . . . at Mississippi
(at Memphis)
Oct. 28 . . . AUBURN
(at Little Rock)
Nov. 4 . . . MISS. STATE
(at Little Rock)
Nov. 11 . . . SW LOUISIANA
Nov. 25 . . . at LSU

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . SMU (at Little Rock); won, 34-14
Sept. 10 . . . at S. Carolina; lost, 14-0
Sept. 17 . . . ALABAMA; lost, 13-6
Sept. 24 . . . at Memphis; lost, 16-15
Oct. 1 . . . VANDERBILT; won, 42-6
Oct. 8 . . . at Tennessee; lost, 38-21
Oct. 15 . . . MISSISSIPPI; won, 31-7
Oct. 29 . . . at Auburn; lost, 31-14
Nov. 5 . . . at Mississippi St.; lost, 17-7
Nov. 12 . . . N. ILLINOIS; won, 30-27
Nov. 26 . . . LSU (at Little Rock); lost, 30-12

MILESTONES

- Last season was Danny Ford's first losing record in 14 years as a head coach.
- Marcus Adair has 14 career sacks, fifth on the school's all-time list.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ More big plays needed from the offense.
- ✓ Depth, particularly in the offensive and defensive lines.
- ✓ Barry Lunney must prove he's a big-time quarterback.

By RON HIGGINS

This is definitely the year they drove ol' Dixie down. Because of rules violations under coach Billy Brewer prior to last season, the NCAA clobbered Ole Miss with a four-year probation penalty. The Rebels won't be seen on television this fall and aren't eligible for bowls this season or in 1996. But that isn't the worst of it—the NCAA cut Ole Miss' scholarships to 13 for the next two recruiting seasons. That's the price for such violations as entertaining recruits at Memphis, Tenn., strip clubs 60 miles away from the Oxford campus.

This is the mess that new coach Tommy Tuberville inherits from interim coach Joe Lee Dunn, who moved to Arkansas as defensive coordinator. To Tuberville's credit, he managed to keep all remaining athletes but one from transferring.

"Every job is hard—this one just happens to be a little harder right now," said Tuberville, a former assistant at both Texas A&M and Miami. "Work and perseverance will take care of everything. Our goal every year at Ole Miss is to win the national championship."

Tuberville's dreaming. His first goal should be to see if his team can break .500.

OFFENSE: Undeniably, Ole Miss had one of the most puncheon offenses in the SEC a year ago. With the Rebels changing offensive coordinators about every other season, Ole Miss has ended up with a hodgepodge of talent trying to fit into systems for which they aren't equipped.

"Last year, they tried to go from a running team to a passing team, and one of the toughest things to teach is pass protection," Tuberville said.

Senior quarterback Josh Nelson earned a reputation as one of the league's gutsiest quarterbacks while being sacked 37 times. When he wasn't flat on his back, he threw for 2,028 yards and 15 touchdowns. The Rebels also have power (Dou Innocent) and speed (Mark Smith) at running back, and a receiving back with 41 catches last season in Ta'Boris Fisher.

DEFENSE: Ole Miss will switch from a three-man to a four-man front as it tries to attack more with its line. Former interim coach Dunn, a defensive genius, preferred to use strange alignments and keep offenses guessing.

The new coaching staff will find few players with a nose for the ball like senior strong safety Michael Lowery, who had 77 tackles including 46 solo hits last year. Finding talented defensive tackles is a priority. A sleeper in the line may be converted offensive guard David Evans.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Dunn moaned last season about Ole Miss' pathetic kicking game, but Tuberville has decided to do something about it. For



DOU INNOCENT
RB

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Josh Nelson (Sr., 6-3, 200)*	Paul Head (Jr., 6-0, 195)
RB: Dou Innocent (Sr., 6-1, 210)*	Mark Smith (Sr., 5-9, 192)
WR: Ta'Boris Fisher (Jr., 5-8, 170)*	Damon Billbrew (Jr., 5-11, 160)
WR: LeMay Thomas (Sr., 5-10, 175)*	Walker Jones (So., 6-4, 205)
WR: John Knight (Sr., 6-0, 195)	Andre Hollis (Jr., 6-0, 180)
TE: Kris Magnum (Jr., 6-5, 255)*	Frank Wilson (Sr., 6-2, 230)
LE: Boyd Kitchen (Jr., 6-4, 285)*	Omar Edwards (So., 6-2, 280)
LG: Chris May (Sr., 6-2, 285)*	Jonathan Casey (Jr., 6-4, 370)
C: Darrell Moncus (Sr., 6-2, 180)*	Ross Tucker (So., 6-2, 270)
RG: Shannon Provencher (Jr., 6-0, 270)	Eric Bubrig (So., 6-2, 280)
RE: Skip Joyce (Jr., 6-1, 290)	Kendrick Hickman (So., 6-4, 320)

DEFENSE

DE: Trey Wicker (Sr., 6-3, 235)	David McGowan (Jr., 6-2, 240)*
DE: Ed Fortson (Sr., 6-3, 275)	Devon Coburn (So., 6-3, 265)
DT: Orlando Trainer (Jr., 6-0, 270)	Darryl Gibbs (Fr., 6-2, 255)
DE: Alvin Herman (Sr., 6-4, 225)	Rich Robich (So., 6-2, 230)
LB: Kyron Motton (Sr., 5-11, 210)	Johnny Jones (So., 6-2, 212)
LB: Kyle Wicker (Jr., 6-1, 230)	Greg Hoyd (Sr., 6-1, 238)
LB: Nate Wayne (So., 6-1, 225)*	Morris Scott (Fr., 6-2, 205)
CB: Derek Jones (Jr., 5-9, 170)*	Thomas Nakia Magee (So., 5-9, 180)
CB: Tavoris Gilkey (Fr., 5-9, 170)	John Desler (Jr., 6-0, 180)
SS: Michael Lowery (Sr., 6-1, 215)*	Mike Worley (Sr., 6-0, 185)
FS: David Knott (Sr., 6-2, 195)	Lawrence Adams (Jr., 5-10, 185)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Tim Montz (Jr., 5-11, 182)*	Steve Lindsey (So., 6-0, 170)
P: Lonny Calicchio (Sr., 6-2, 230)*	Randall Green (So., 6-1, 215)

(* denotes returning starter)

starters, he's installing a spread punt formation, which will put pressure on senior punter Lonny Calicchio, who lost his starting job late after averaging just 38.7 yards.

Junior Tim Montz is a fairly nondescript placekicker who was 8 of 8 in field-goal attempts 39 yards and closer last season. Anything farther than that is a gamble. The Rebels have some flyers returning both kickoffs and punts—Smith, LeMay Thomas and Fisher all have the wheels to ring up touchdowns with a little blocking.

RECRUITING: Considering probation, it's amazing Tuberville found 22 players—13 signed schol-

arships, nine agreed to walk-on because of the probation limitations. Some of the walk-ons agreed to such status because they either already had federal grants or had parents with fat wallets.

"When people are willing to do something like this for the good of our program, it means we'll be able to succeed quicker," Tuberville said.

Two Gulfport (Miss.) High players, offensive lineman Matt Luke and wide receiver Sam Owen, figure to get into the playing rotation as soon as they can find the athletic dorm.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Vaught-Hemingway Stadium, Oxford, Miss. (42,577, grass)

RETURNING STARTERS (14): Offense (8); Defense (4); Specialists (2)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Alundis Brice, DB (1st-team All-SEC); Abdul Jackson, LB (1st-team All-SEC)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Josh Nelson, Sr., 168-308-2,028 yards, 15 TDs, 6 INTs

RUSHING: Dou Innocent, Sr., 182 carries, 910 yards, 4 TDs

RECEIVING (catches): Ta'Boris Fisher, Jr., 41, 1 TD

RECEIVING (yards): Fisher, 483

TACKLES: Michael Lowery, Sr., 77

SACKS: David McGowan, Jr., 5.5

INTERCEPTIONS: Lowery, 2

PUNTING: Lonny Calicchio, Sr., 38.7 avg.

KICKING: Tim Montz, Jr., 12-17 FGs (long 48); 30-30 PATs

SCORING: Montz, 66 points

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	.at Auburn
Sept. 9	.INDIANA STATE
Sept. 23	.GEORGIA
Sept. 30	.at Florida
Oct. 7	.TULANE
Oct. 14	.ARKANSAS (at Memphis)
Oct. 21	.ALABAMA
Oct. 28	.VANDERBILT
Nov. 4	.at Memphis
Nov. 11	.at LSU
Nov. 25	.at Mississippi State

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3	.AUBURN; lost, 22-17
Sept. 10	.S. ILLINOIS; won, 59-3
Sept. 17	.at Vanderbilt; won, 20-14
Sept. 24	.at Georgia; lost, 17-14
Oct. 1	.FLORIDA; lost, 38-14
Oct. 15	.at Arkansas; lost, 31-7
Oct. 22	.at Alabama; lost, 21-10
Oct. 29	.LSU; won, 34-21
Nov. 5	.MEMPHIS; lost, 17-16
Nov. 12	.at Tulane; won, 38-0
Nov. 26	.MISS. ST.; lost, 21-17

MILESTONES

- Running back Dou Innocent has a string of six consecutive 100-yard rushing games.
- Last year was the first time in school history that the Rebels lost three home games at Vaught-Hemingway Stadium.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Quarterback Josh Nelson must adopt smoothly to Tuberville's offensive philosophies.
- ✓ Team has to forget NCAA probation and play like they have nothing to lose.
- ✓ Defense must learn to read more, attack less.

**RISEING STAR
PROFILE**

STEVE TANEYHILL

By DAVID SEIGERMAN

It didn't happen overnight. No way was Steve Taneyhill going to chop all of his trademark sandy brown hair all at once. No, first came a slight trim shortly after spring break his sophomore season. A few months later, his collar reappeared. Before long, trips to the barbershop had become a regular part of his routine. Now, when he pulls on his garnet and black South Carolina helmet and takes his place under center, Taneyhill's critics are forced to pay less attention to his 'do and more to what he can do.

"Maybe I'll let it grow long again someday," said Taneyhill, who is now more interested in making his mark with his right arm, his heart and his guts.

Talk about a new-look offense.

Not only will Taneyhill appear different as he enters his senior year, the entire Gamecocks offense will be unrecognizable from the one he took over six games into his freshman season. Second-year head coach Brad Scott hopes to install more of the attack he used as offensive coordinator to lead Florida State to the 1993 national championship. Plus, he's added John Reaves — formerly Steve Spurrier's right-hand man at Florida — as his quarterbacks coach. Scott plans to blend elements of FSU's Fast Break Offense and Florida's Fun-and-Gun, then hand over the keys to his sporty new offense to Taneyhill.

Not surprisingly, the Gamecocks' quarterback can't wait to take his new system out for a spin.

"I'm definitely excited about it," Taneyhill said. "It's a quarter-

back's dream to play for a coaching staff wants to throw the ball."

Last year's test run was an undeniable success, despite the bumpy road where it all began. Taneyhill entered his junior season under a swarm of doubt, the lingering residue from a sophomore slump that made his flashy rookie season seem flukish. There was ample criticism of his demeanor — Taneyhill was considered more deserving of the nickname "Cocky" than South Carolina's rooster mascot — and questions about his maturity abounded after he was arrested for underage drinking during a party in the wake of the Gamecocks' season-opening road upset of Georgia.

In a little more than a year, Taneyhill's status plummeted from that of a promising 19-year-old who went 5-1 as a freshman starter to a wildchild quarterback in the Todd Marinovich mold.

Then Scott arrived in January of 1994. Scott's first order of business was to assure his incumbent quarterback that all past problems would remain there.

Taneyhill repaid every ounce of Scott's confidence and then some. Under the new system, which spreads formations to force opponents to defend the entire field, Taneyhill threw for 2,259 yards and 19 touchdowns, completing a school-record 62.9 percent of his passes in the process. He led South Carolina to a 7-5 record—its best mark in six seasons—and the first bowl victory in the Gamecocks' 102-year history, 24-21 over West Virginia in the Carquest Bowl.

"Winning that first bowl game meant something special to this university. It's something they've waited 102 years for," said Taneyhill.

This year, Taneyhill isn't worried about pressure. Or criticism. His primary goal is to have fun.

"Football should be fun," Taneyhill said. "People make college football into such a tough job, with so much money involved and all the shoe contracts. You work hard all year, Saturday afternoon should be your time. You have to make Saturdays fun."

Taneyhill has done just that, for South Carolina fans, coaches and players alike. Even if he doesn't let his hair down much anymore.

BIG TEN



Running back Mike Archie will get his Lion's share of carries for Penn State.

PROJECTED ORDER OF FINISH

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| 1. Penn State | 7. Purdue |
| 2. Ohio State | 8. Michigan St. |
| 3. Michigan | 9. Iowa |
| 4. Illinois | 10. Minnesota |
| 5. Wisconsin | 11. Northwestern |
| 6. Indiana | |

All-Big Ten Offense

POSITION/PLAYER	YR.	HT./WT.	COLLEGE
QB Bobby Hoying	Sr.	6-4/223	Ohio State
RB Chris Darkins	Sr.	6-1/207	Minnesota
RB Alex Smith	So.	6-0/200	Indiana
WR Bobby Engram	Sr.	5-10/185	Penn State
WR Amani Toomer	Sr.	6-3/182	Michigan
TE Jay Riemersma	Sr.	6-5/250	Michigan
OL Jeff Hartings	Sr.	6-3/275	Penn State
OL Marco Rivera	Sr.	6-5/280	Penn State
OL Jon Runyan	Sr.	6-8/293	Michigan
OL Orlando Pace	So.	6-6/320	Ohio State
C Juan Porter	Jr.	6-4/290	Ohio State

All-Big Ten Defense

POSITION/PLAYER	YR.	HT./WT.	COLLEGE
DL Trent Zenkewicz	Sr.	6-6/267	Michigan
DL Matt Finkes	Jr.	6-2/258	Ohio State
DL Mike Vrabel	Jr.	6-4/260	Ohio State
DL/LB Simeon Rice	Sr.	6-4/243	Illinois
LB Kevin Hardy	Sr.	6-4/236	Illinois
LB Jarrett Irons	Jr.	6-1/221	Michigan
LB Pete Monty	Jr.	6-2/231	Wisconsin
DB Brian Miller	Jr.	5-9/182	Penn State
DB Demetrice Martin	Sr.	5-9/180	Michigan St.
DB Shawn Springs	So.	5-11/181	Ohio State
DB William Bennett	Sr.	6-1/190	Northwestern

All-Big Ten Special Teams

POSITION/PLAYER	YR.	HT./WT.	COLLEGE
PK Remy Hamilton	Sr.	6-0/191	Michigan
P Paul Burton	Sr.	5-11/185	Northwestern
RS Derrick Mason	Jr.	5-11/185	Michigan St.

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Alex Smith, Indiana

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Simeon Rice, Illinois

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Brandon Short, DE, Penn State

By GORDON JONES

Joe Paterno, a coach rooted in the Benny Goodman Era, unleashed an MTV-style team in 1994 — explosive, uptempo, suitable for a soundtrack — and came to the brink of his third national championship. The Lions abandoned their traditional grind-it-out style and went up top, as quarterback Kerry Collins became the nation's top passer. Penn State also offered the lightning-quick Ki-Jana Carter, and, as a result, led the nation in both scoring and total offense.

Even with Collins and Carter gone, the potential is there for another offensive bonanza, led by quarterback Wally Richardson and tailback Mike Archie. But Paterno also wants to rebuild the defense, always the foundation for the Lions' success, after an average 1994 season.

OFFENSE: Archie (52 carries, 303 yards; 22 catches, 215 yards) generated 884 all-purpose yards. He is not the breakaway threat his predecessor was, but he is steady, as he showed when he gained 368 yards in place of an injured Carter the last three games of the '93 season.

Everyone also has high hopes for Richardson, including himself.

"I know I can get the job done," he said. "It's just a matter of time before we get in a game and I have to do it."

It helps that he has both All-America wide receiver Bobby Engram (52 catches, 1,029 yards) and Freddie Scott (47-973) as targets. Plus, the Lions' offensive line returns four lettermen, including All-America guard Jeff Hartings, after allowing just five sacks last year. The one crack in the wall might come at tight end, where graduated All America Kyle Brady was a dominant force last year. Keith Olsommer gets the first crack at Brady's spot.

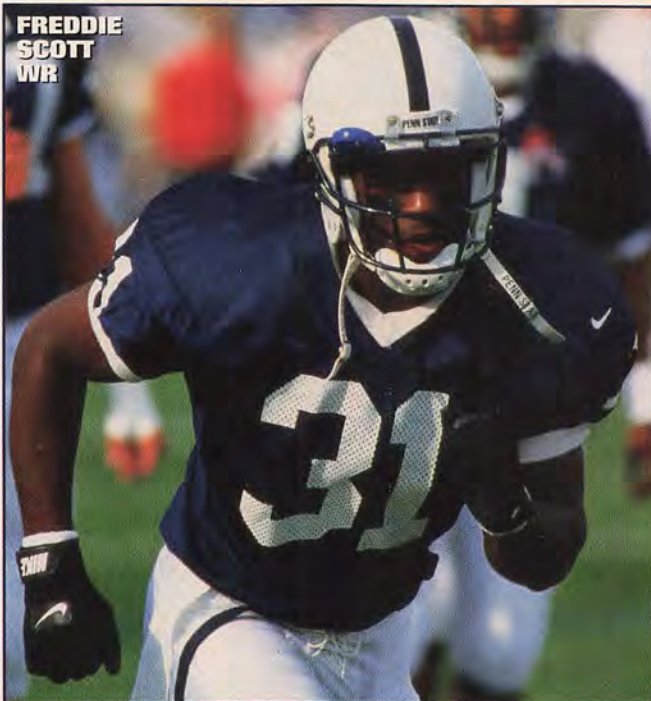
"You can't figure that Olsommer's going to be able to replace Kyle, or that Archie's going to go out and do just as well as Ki-Jana," offensive coordinator Fran Ganter said. "[But] there's an old saying around here, that someone will come to the front."

DEFENSE: Linebacker U. with no linebackers? Not quite. Despite the loss of defensive leader Brian Gelzheiser and steady performers Willie Smith and Phil Yeboah-Kodie, Paterno did not seem worried about the abilities of the replacements. Leadership, however, was a different story.

"That's my biggest concern," Paterno said.

Gerald Filardi (21 tackles) is Gelzheiser's probable replacement in the middle, and Terry Killens (42 tackles) is athletic, if not consistent, at one outside spot. The leading candidate on the other side might be Aaron Collins (15 tackles), one of five Collins brothers to play at PSU. Yet another Collins, Jason, might

FREDDIE
SCOTT
WR



PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Wally Richardson (Jr., 6-4, 211)	Mike McQueary (So., 6-4, 213)
TB: Mike Archie (Sr., 5-8, 202)	Stephen Pitts (Sr., 5-11, 190)
FB: Jon Witman (Sr., 6-3, 233)*	Brian Milne (Sr., 6-3, 253)
WR: Bobby Engram (Sr., 5-10, 185)*	Justin Williams (Sr., 5-10, 182)
WR: Freddie Scott (Sr., 6-0, 186)*	Chris Campbell (Jr., 6-0, 187)
TE: Keith Olsommer (Jr., 6-4, 245)	Bob Stephenson (So., 6-2, 227)
LT: Keith Conlin (Sr., 6-7, 301)*	Dale Harvey (Jr., 6-4, 295)
LB: Jeff Hartings (Sr., 6-3, 278)*	Brad Jones (So., 6-6, 256)
C: Barry Tielsch (Jr., 6-2, 281)	Kevin Conlin (So., 6-3, 250)
RG: Marco Rivera (Sr., 6-5, 280)*	Wayne Holmes (Sr., 6-6, 317)
RE: Andre Johnson (Sr., 6-5, 295)*	Jason Henderson (Jr., 6-7, 272)

DEFENSE

DE: Brad Scioli (So., 6-3, 259)	Freddie Vales (Jr., 6-1, 230)
DE: Eric Clair (Sr., 6-2, 269)	Boris Oden (Jr., 6-4, 295)
DT: Brandon Noble (Jr., 6-1, 258)	Dave Thomas (Sr., 6-2, 280)
LB: Todd Atkins (Sr., 6-3, 247)*	Chris Snyder (So., 6-3, 238)
LB: Terry Killens (Sr., 6-1, 223)	Cory Carlson (Jr., 6-0, 215)
LB: Gerald Filardi (Jr., 6-0, 227)	Clint Seace (Fr., 6-3, 230)
LB: Aaron Collins (So., 6-0, 227)	Ahmad Collins (So., 6-0, 206)
CB: Brian Miller (Jr., 5-9, 178)*	Shino Prater (So., 5-9, 180)
CB: Mark Tate (Jr., 6-0, 175)	Chuck Penzenik (Jr., 5-10, 174)
SS: Clint Holes (Jr., 6-0, 194)*	Jason Collins (Jr., 5-11, 190)
FS: Kim Herring (Jr., 6-0, 198)	Cliff Dingle (Sr., 5-10, 184)*

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Brett Conway (Jr., 6-2, 188)*	Mike Barninger (Sr., 6-4, 180)
P: Darrell Kania (Jr., 6-0, 165)*	Scott Stephens (So., 6-6, 207)

(* denotes returning starter)

start at strong safety, depending on how quickly safeties Clint Holes, Cliff Dingle, Kim Herring and nickel back Mark Tate recover from injuries last season. The secondary was so decimated late last season that an unfamiliar back, Chuck Penzenik, started the Rose Bowl and had two interceptions. The one certainty in the backfield is All-Big Ten cornerback Brian Miller.

Senior Todd Atkins was one of the few linemen to escape injury last year and led the team with six sacks.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Junior Brett Conway drilled 10 of 12 field-goal attempts and consistently banged his kickoffs into the end zone. The

return men — Archie, Engram and junior running back Ambrose Fletcher — are excellent, but junior punter Darrell Kania has been average primarily because of a lack of work.

RECRUITING: Linebacker Brandon Short (McKeesport, Pa.) was *USA Today's* Defensive Player of the Year and appears to be the most likely freshman to crack the depth chart, given the uncertainty at that position. Floyd Wedderburn, a 300-pounder, sat out last season under Proposition 48 guidelines, but will also contend for time.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Beaver Stadium, University Park, Pa., (93,967, grass)
RETURNING STARTERS (13): Offense (7); Defense (4); Specialists (2)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Kerry Collins, QB (1st-team All America); Ki-Jana Carter, RB (1st-team All America, entered NFL draft); Jeff Hartings, OL (1st-team All America); Kyle Brady, TE (2nd-team All America)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Wally Richardson, Jr., 16-33-177 yards
RUSHING: Mike Archie, Sr., 52 carries, 303 yards, 5 TDs
RECEIVING (catches): Bobby Engram, Sr., 52, 7 TDs
RECEIVING (yards): Engram, 1,029
TACKLES: Brian Miller, Jr., 60
SACKS: Todd Atkins, Sr., 6
INTERCEPTIONS: Miller, 4
PUNTING: Darrell Kania, Jr. 36.9 avg.
KICKING: Brett Conway, Jr., 10-12 FGs, (long 49) 62-63 PATs
SCORING: Conway, 92 points

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 9 . . . TEXAS TECH
 Sept. 16 . . . TEMPLE
 Sept. 23 . . . at Rutgers*
 Sept. 30 . . . WISCONSIN
 Oct. 7 . . . OHIO STATE
 Oct. 14 . . . at Purdue
 Oct. 21 . . . at Iowa
 Oct. 28 . . . INDIANA
 Nov. 4 . . . at Northwestern
 Nov. 18 . . . MICHIGAN
 Nov. 25 . . . at Michigan State
 *at Giants Stadium

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . at Minnesota; won, 56-3
 Sept. 10 . . . USC; won, 38-14
 Sept. 17 . . . IOWA; won, 61-21
 Sept. 24 . . . RUTGERS; won, 55-27
 Oct. 1 . . . at Temple; won, 48-21
 Oct. 15 . . . at Michigan; won, 31-24
 Oct. 29 . . . OHIO STATE; won, 65-14
 Nov. 5 . . . at Indiana; won, 35-29
 Nov. 12 . . . at Illinois; won, 35-31
 Nov. 19 . . . NORTHWESTERN; won, 45-17
 Nov. 26 . . . MICHIGAN ST.; won, 59-31
 Jan. 2 . . . vs. Oregon in Rose Bowl; won, 38-20

MILESTONE

■ Joe Paterno is the only coach in college football history to win the traditional four major bowl games (Rose, Cotton, Orange and Sugar).

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Wally Richardson's ability to fill Kerry Collins' shoes at QB.
- ✓ Upgrading a so-so defense.
- ✓ The adjustment of Mike Archie to a starting role.

By SUSAN VINELLA

Things are much calmer in Columbus these days. And why not? The Buckeyes own a one-game winning streak over Michigan.

After suffering a humiliating 63-14 loss at Penn State last October, Ohio State head coach John Cooper looked to have one foot in the unemployment line. But OSU rallied to win its last three games and earn a trip to the Citrus Bowl.

More importantly, the Buckeyes pounded Michigan, 22-6, in Columbus — Cooper's first win in seven attempts against the Wolverines. As a result, Cooper kept his job and the Buckeyes kept their winning tradition going. OSU's bowl appearance was its sixth in a row.

This season, the Buckeyes will miss speedster Joey Galloway at flanker, but senior quarterback Bobby Hoying and powerful tailback Eddie George return. Hoying tied an Ohio State single-season touchdown record with 19 last year.

Defensively, the Buckeyes are not as deep as a year ago. Three-quarters of their starting secondary is gone, as is all-conference linebacker Lorenzo Styles, who opted for the NFL draft. OSU recruited six linebackers and four defensive backs in an attempt to rebuild.

As always, Ohio State's schedule is tough, including non-conference opponents Boston College, Washington and Notre Dame. The Buckeyes travel to Ann Arbor this year to face Michigan, and though Cooper's job won't be on the line, a trip to another bowl game and perhaps a Big Ten title most certainly could be.

OFFENSE: The loss of Galloway leaves the Buckeyes without one of their greatest offensive weapons. Galloway caught 44 passes for 669 yards last season. His nine touchdowns — seven receiving, one rushing and one on a kickoff return — were second on the team. But Hoying's experience as a third-year starter should provide a solid offensive base for the Buckeyes. Hoying completed nearly 57 percent of his passes last season for 2,335 yards, the second-best one-season total in Buckeyes history.

The team's rushing game will continue to be strong with both George and a veteran offensive line led by tackle Orlando Pace. George ran for 1,442 yards and 12 touchdowns last season. The 6-foot-5, 320-pound Pace was named Big Ten Freshman of the Year.

DEFENSE: The loss of Styles (team-leading 132 tackles) will hurt, but the pass-rushing combination of juniors Matt Finkes and Mike Vrabel could wreak havoc on opposing quarterbacks again. The two first-team All-Big Ten selections combined for 23 sacks last season and 40 tackles for losses.

Cornerback Shawn Springs, the

EDDIE
GEORGE
RB



PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Bobby Hoying (Sr., 6-4, 223)*
TB: Eddie George (Sr., 6-3, 230)*
FB: Nicky Sualua (So., 5-11, 245)*
WR: Terry Glenn (Jr., 5-11, 180)
WR: Buster Tillman (Jr., 6-1, 185)
TE: Rickey Dudley (Sr., 6-7, 240)
LE: Orlando Pace (So., 6-5, 320)*
LG: Jamie Sumner (Sr., 6-4, 290)*
C: Juan Porter (Jr., 6-4, 285)*
RG: LeShun Daniels (Jr., 6-2, 280)*
RE: Eric Gohlstein (So., 6-3, 300)

Stanley Jackson (So., 6-1, 198)
Pepé Pearson (So., 5-10, 175)
Matt Calhoun (Jr., 6-0, 237)
Demitrious Stanley (Jr., 5-10, 181)
Dee Miller (Fr., 6-1, 200)
John Lumpkin (Fr., 6-9, 250)
Brooks Burris (Fr., 6-6, 286)
Ray Harris (So., 6-2, 320)
Kevin Hyme (So., 6-2, 285)
Greg Kuszmaul (Sr., 6-4, 294)
Brooks Burris (Fr., 6-6, 286)

DEFENSE

DE: Mike Vrabel (Jr., 6-4, 260)*
DE: Matt Bonhaus (Sr., 6-5, 285)*
NG: Luke Fickell (Jr., 6-4, 260)*
DE: Matt Finkes (Jr., 6-2, 258)*
LB: Jerry Rudzinski (Fr., 6-1, 212)
LB: Greg Bellisari (Jr., 6-1, 230)*
LB: Ryan Miller (Jr., 6-2, 217)
CB: Shawn Springs (So., 5-11, 181)*
CB: Ty Howard (Jr., 5-9, 174)
FS: Anthony Gwinn (Jr., 6-0, 189)
SS: Rob Kelly (Jr., 6-2, 200)

Jeff Wilson (Fr., 6-3, 235)
Winfield Garnett (So., 6-5, 310)
Shane Clark (Jr., 6-2, 268)
John Day (So., 6-3, 245)
Kevin Johnson (Jr., 6-0, 220)
Will Connery (Sr., 6-1, 235)
Dave Becker (Fr., 6-0, 210)
Kevin Griffin (Fr., 5-10, 173)
Central McClellan (Fr., 5-11, 185)
Che Bryant (Fr., 6-1, 180)
Damon Moore (Fr., 5-11, 195)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Josh Jackson (Jr., 5-11, 162)*
P: Patrick Doyle (Fr., 6-0, 185)

Mike Malfatt (So., 6-3, 210)
Mike Malfatt (So., 6-3, 210)

(* denotes returning starter)

son of former Buckeyes and Dallas Cowboys running back Ron Springs, started 13 games as a redshirt freshman in 1994. He collected 61 tackles and has the potential to become OSU's first All-America defensive back since Ray Griffin in 1977.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Punter Scott Terna, who averaged 41.3 yards per kick last year, is gone and the Buckeyes must find a strong replacement. Kickoff specialist Mike Malfatt is a likely candidate. Incoming freshman Brent Bartholomew, who led the state of Florida in punting (47.4-yard average) as a senior in high school, will also compete.

RECRUITING: OSU's biggest

need was at linebacker, and the Buckeyes signed six, including 6-2, 250-pound all-state selection Randy Homa of Pottsville, Pa., and junior college transfer Kevin Johnson (6-2, 230) of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M. Both are expected to have an immediate impact. Tight end Steve Wisniewski (6-5, 240), an all-state selection from Timberlake, Ohio, comes highly rated but will have a tough time earning immediate playing time with competition from D.J. Jones, Rickey Dudley and John Lumpkin.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Ohio Stadium, Columbus, Ohio (89,841, artificial)
RETURNING STARTERS (14): Offense (7); Defense (6); Specialist (1)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Korey Stringer, OT (1st-team All America, entered NFL draft); Joey Galloway, WR (2nd-team All-Big Ten); Marlon Kerner, DB (2nd-team All-Big Ten); Scott Terna, P (2nd-team All-Big Ten); Lorenzo Styles, LB (entered NFL draft); Craig Powell, LB

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Bobby Hoying, Sr., 170-301-2,335 yards, 19 TDs, 14 INTs
RUSHING: Eddie George, Sr., 276 carries, 1,442 yards, 12 TDs
RECEIVING (catches): Buster Tillman, Jr., 33, 2 TDs
RECEIVING (yards): Tillman, 455
TACKLES: Matt Finkes, Jr., 71
SACKS: Mike Vrabel, Jr., 12
INTERCEPTIONS: Greg Bellisari, Jr., 3
PUNTING: none
KICKING: Josh Jackson, Jr., 14-17 FGs (long 39), 31-36 PATs
SCORING: Jackson, 73 points

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 16 . WASHINGTON
Sept. 23 . at Pittsburgh
Sept. 30 . NOTRE DAME
Oct. 7 . . . at Penn State
Oct. 14 . . . at Wisconsin
Oct. 21 . . . PURDUE
Oct. 28 . . . IOWA
Nov. 4 . . . at Minnesota
Nov. 11 . . . ILLINOIS
Nov. 18 . . . INDIANA
Nov. 25 . . . at Michigan

1994 RESULTS

Aug. 29 . . . vs. Fresno St.*; won, 34-10
Sept. 10 . . . at Washington; lost, 25-16
Sept. 17 . . . PITTSBURGH; won, 27-3
Sept. 24 . . . HOUSTON; won, 52-0
Oct. 1 at Northwestern; won, 17-15
Oct. 8 ILLINOIS; lost, 24-10
Oct. 15 . . . at Michigan St.; won, 23-7
Oct. 22 . . . PURDUE; won, 48-14
Oct. 29 . . . at Penn State; lost, 63-14
Nov. 5 WISCONSIN; won, 24-3
Nov. 12 . . . at Indiana; won, 32-17
Nov. 19 . . . MICHIGAN; won, 22-6
Jan. 2 . . . vs. Alabama in Florida Citrus Bowl; lost, 24-17

* Pigskin Classic V, Anaheim, Calif.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Finding replacements for several starters on defense, particularly linebacker Lorenzo Styles.
- ✓ Getting strong leadership from senior quarterback Bobby Hoying.
- ✓ Maintaining a strong kicking game.

FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Michigan Stadium, Ann Arbor, Mich. (102,501, grass)
RETURNING STARTERS (15): Offense (7); Defense (6); Specialists (2)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Steve Morrison, ILB (1st-team All-Big Ten); Todd Collins, QB (2nd-team All-Big Ten); Tyrone Wheatley, RB (Hon. mention All-Big Ten); Che Foster, RB (entered NFL Draft); Trezelle Jenkins, T (entered NFL Draft); Ty Law, DB (entered NFL Draft)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Jason Carr, Sr., 2-8-10 yards, 1 INT
RUSHING: Tim Biakabutuka, Jr., 126 carries, 783 yards, 7 TDs
RECEIVING (catches): Amani Toomer, Sr., 54, 6 TDs
RECEIVING (yards): Toomer, 1,096
TACKLES: Jarrett Irons, Jr., 115
SACKS: Jason Horn, Sr., 6
INTERCEPTION: Clarence Thompson, Jr., 2
PUNTING: Craig Baker, So., 34.9 avg.
KICKING: Remy Hamilton, Jr., 24-29 FGs, 23-25 PATs
SCORING: Hamilton, 95 points

1995 SCHEDULE

Aug. 26 . . . VIRGINIA
 Sept. 2 . . . at Illinois
 Sept. 9 . . . MEMPHIS STATE
 Sept. 16 . . . at Boston College
 Sept. 30 . . . MIAMI (OHIO)
 Oct. 7 . . . NORTHWESTERN
 Oct. 21 . . . at Indiana
 Oct. 28 . . . MINNESOTA
 Nov. 4 . . . at Michigan State
 Nov. 11 . . . PURDUE
 Nov. 18 . . . at Penn State
 Nov. 25 . . . OHIO STATE

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . B.C.; won, 34-26
 Sept. 10 . . . at Notre Dame; won, 26-24
 Sept. 24 . . . COLORADO; lost, 27-26
 Oct. 1 . . . at Iowa; won, 29-14
 Oct. 8 . . . MICHIGAN ST.; won, 40-20
 Oct. 15 . . . PENN STATE; lost, 31-24
 Oct. 22 . . . at Illinois; won, 19-14
 Oct. 29 . . . WISCONSIN; lost, 31-19
 Nov. 5 . . . at Purdue; won, 45-23
 Nov. 12 . . . MINNESOTA; won, 38-22
 Nov. 19 . . . at Ohio State; lost, 22-6
 Dec. 30 . . . vs. Colorado St. in Holiday Bowl; won, 24-14

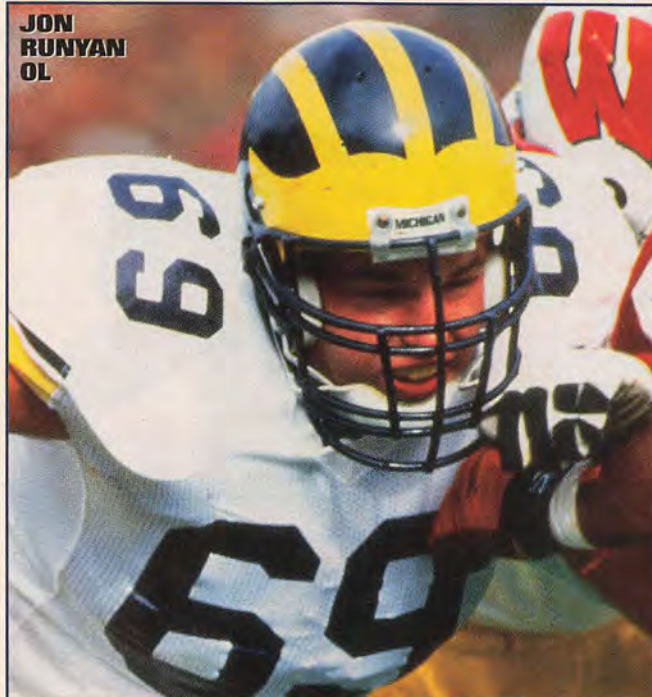
MILESTONES

■ WR Amani Toomer broke a 28-year-old school record with 1,096 receiving yards last season.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Preventing the big pass play.
- ✓ Finding a dependable quarterback to replace Todd Collins.
- ✓ Maintaining a healthy offensive line.

JON RUNYAN OL



PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Scott Dreisbach (Fr., 6-3, 180)	Scot Loeffler (So., 6-3, 202)
TB: Tim Biakabutuka (Jr., 6-1, 205)	Ed Davis (Sr., 5-9, 201)
FB: Chris Floyd (So., 6-1, 221)	Chris Howard (So., 5-10, 216)
WR: Mercury Hayes (Sr., 5-11, 195)*	Anthony Williams (Jr., 5-10, 169)
WR: Amani Toomer (Sr., 6-4, 194)*	Todd Richards (Sr., 6-0, 172)
TE: Jay Riemersma (Sr., 6-6, 252)*	Pierre Cooper (Jr., 6-2, 225)
LE: Jon Runyan (Jr., 6-8, 300)*	Chris Kurpelkis (So., 6-8, 281)
LG: Zach Adams (So., 6-5, 279)	Damon Denson (Jr., 6-4, 276)
C: Rod Payne (Jr., 6-4, 288)*	Joe Ries (So., 6-3, 288)
RG: Joe Marinaro (Sr., 6-4, 290)*	Ante Skorput (Sr., 6-3, 284)
RT: Thomas Guynes (Jr., 6-5, 300)*	Mike Sullivan (Sr., 6-7, 300)

DEFENSE

DE: Glen Steele (So., 6-5, 270)	Trevor Pryce (Jr., 6-6, 255)*
DE: Trent Zenkewicz (Sr., 6-6, 270)*	Steve Evans (Jr., 6-4, 261)
NE: Jason Horn (Sr., 6-5, 277)*	Ben Huff (So., 6-4, 236)
DE: Juquin Feazell (Fr., 6-4, 253)	Ben Huff (So., 6-4, 236)
LB: Brent Blackwell (So., 6-2, 221)	Mike Elston (So., 6-4, 242)
LB: Jarrett Irons (Jr., 6-1, 231)*	Jeff Springer (Jr., 6-0, 226)
LB: Rob Swett (So., 6-2, 229)	Clint Copenhaver (Fr., 6-3, 212)
CB: Jean-Agnus Charles (Sr., 5-11, 197)	Bryan Williams (Jr., 5-10, 178)
CB: Woody Hankins (Jr., 5-9, 197)	Tyrone Noble (Jr., 5-11, 196)
SS: Clarence Thompson (Jr., 6-1, 190)*	Earnest Sanders (Sr., 6-3, 200)
FS: Chuck Winters (Jr., 6-0, 192)*	Steve King (Jr., 6-1, 193)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Remy Hamilton (Jr., 6-0, 196)*	Jay Feely (Fr., 5-10, 186)
P: Craig Baker (So., 6-0, 168)*	Nate DeLong (So., 6-2, 214)

(* denotes returning starter)

By STEVE KORNACKI

For the first time since 1929, Michigan and Michigan State will both feature first-year coaches on their sidelines.

MSU's firing of George Perles surprised no one; however, the resignation of Gary Moeller was quite a bombshell.

Moeller resigned in early May after being arrested on disorderly conduct, assault and battery charges. Moeller was replaced on an interim basis by one of his assistants, Lloyd Carr. Speculation on a full-time replacement ranged from the return of Bo Schembechler to the likes of

Cam Cameron and Tony Dungy.

Moeller led the Wolverines to three Big Ten titles in the 1990s and had won three consecutive bowl games (Rose, Hall of Fame and Holiday).

His successor faces quite an ambitious schedule. The grind opens Aug. 26, when the Wolverines host Virginia in the Pigskin Classic, and finishes Nov. 25 with Ohio State. The Wolverines also play at Boston College and will be tested by the Cavaliers, but they get two automatic wins against Memphis and Miami of Ohio. Hence, the success of the season hinges on the final two games — at Penn State and against the
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By BRENDAN HEALEY

That noise you heard from Big Ten country this winter was either Illinois coach Lou Tepper sighing in relief or opposing quarterbacks gasping in fear when the Illini's Simeon Rice announced he was not entering the NFL draft.

Tepper and manic defensive coordinator Denny Marcin have built a reputation for developing solid defensive units, and they should have another with Rice staying for his senior season along with fellow outside linebacker Kevin Hardy.

"We have the premier outside linebackers in the country," Tepper said. "Both young men would have been taken in the first round (of the NFL draft) as juniors."

The rangy Rice (6-foot-4, 243 pounds) is a cat-quick playmaker who rampaged through opponents' backfields for 16 sacks and 20 tackles for a loss last season.

"Simeon could be a top-three pick," Tepper said. "He is every bit as alarming an outside pass rusher as Bruce Smith, whom I had at Virginia Tech."

OFFENSE: Tepper is a defensive ace, but he goes through offensive coordinators the way Bill Clinton goes through Cabinet nominees. During the offseason, Tepper declined to renew Greg Landry's contract and named Paul Schudel, former head coach at Ball State, as the Illini's third offensive coordinator in four years.

Schudel is in charge of invigorating the running game, and he has an abundance of talent at the skill positions. Senior quarterback Johnny Johnson, a three-year starter, has the arm strength to throw deep and is also an agile runner. Johnson threw for 2,495 yards, 19 touchdowns and only six interceptions last year, and he played much more consistently after an erratic sophomore season.

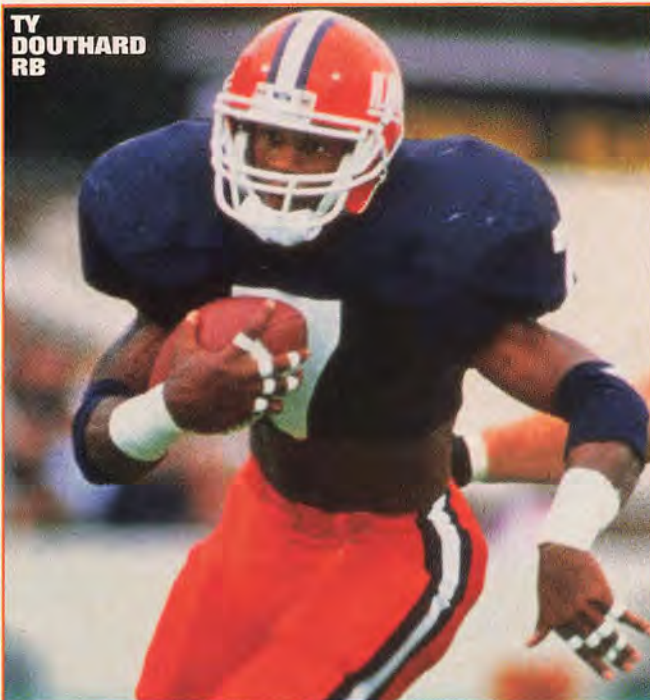
Junior tailback Ty Douthard is a powerful between-the-tackles runner who gained 765 yards last season, and sophomore reserve Robert Holcombe rushed for 520 yards as a freshman.

The line was hit hard by graduation, but junior center Chris Koerwitz (6-2, 304) and senior tackle Ken Blackman (6-5, 298) return. "They're two of the strongest players in our history," Tepper said. "Blackman might have an NFL future."

DEFENSE: As good as Rice is, Tepper said Hardy (6-4, 236) "is the most complete linebacker I've had."

Hardy and Rice are among six Illini seniors who will be working on master's degrees this fall, and they've taken the science of defense to another level as well. Illinois features a pair of heavy-hitting senior safeties in Tyrone Washington and Antoine Patton — they ranked third and fourth, respectively, in

TY DOUTHARD RB



PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE:

QB: Johnny Johnson (Sr., 6-1, 208)*
TB: Ty Douthard (Jr., 6-1, 206)*
FB: Rodney Byrd (Jr., 6-2, 229)
WR: Shane Fisher (Sr., 6-3, 196)
WR: Jason Dulick (Jr., 6-5, 197)*
TE: Matt Cushing (So., 6-4, 245)
LE: Ken Blackman (Sr., 6-5, 298)*
LG: Brent Taylor (So., 6-3, 295)
C: Chris Koerwitz (So., 6-2, 304)*
RG: Charles Edwards (Sr., 6-3, 278)
RE: Chris Brown (So., 6-2, 275)

Scott Weaver (Jr., 6-2, 203)
Robert Holcombe (So., 6-0, 195)
Bobby Sanders (Sr., 5-10, 208)
Marquis Mosely (Jr., 6-0, 179)
Martin Jones (Jr., 6-0, 176)
Mark Day (So., 6-4, 250)
Corey Ryan (So., 6-5, 270)
Ryan Schau (Fr., 6-5, 283)
Jim Van Vlymen (So., 6-2, 285)
Matt Isenberg (So., 6-4, 270)
Jay Kuchenbecker (Jr., 6-4, 273)

DEFENSE:

LE: Tim McCloud (Sr., 6-1, 266)
NG: Paul Marshall (Jr., 6-3, 254)*
RE: Cyron Brown (So., 6-5, 245)
LB: Simeon Rice (Jr., 6-4, 243)*
LB: Dennis Stallings (Jr., 6-0, 222)
LB: David James (So., 6-0, 230)
LB: Kevin Hardy (Jr., 6-4, 236)*
CB: Trevor Starghill (So., 5-8, 170)
CB: Duane Lyle (Sr., 6-4, 204)
SS: Tyrone Washington (Sr., 5-11, 187)*
FS: Antoine Patton (Sr., 5-11, 197)*

Michael Fordham (So., 6-2, 260)
Mikki Johnson (Sr., 6-1, 260)
Maurice Lawrence (Jr., 6-4, 250)
Ryan Murphy (Fr., 6-3, 223)
Jarrett Hansen (Sr., 6-0, 224)
William "Mo" Morris (Jr., 6-1, 243)
Julio Argueta (Jr., 5-10, 198)
Marwan Powell (Sr., 5-11, 175)
James Williams (So., 6-0, 188)
Steve Willis (Fr., 5-10, 198)
Toriano Woods (Jr., 6-2, 189)

SPECIAL TEAMS:

P: Brett Larsen (Sr., 5-10, 204)*
K: Bret Scheuplein (So., 6-1, 205)

Bret Scheuplein (So., 6-1, 205)
Brett Larsen (Sr., 5-10, 204)

(* denotes returning starter)

total tackles a year ago — and is breaking in two new cornerbacks.

The key to this defense may be the line. Senior nose guard Mikki Johnson (6-1, 260), a force as a sophomore, lost his starting job as a junior and needs to regain his prior form.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Tepper emphasizes special teams play, and he has a solid group. Senior punter Brett Larsen averaged 40.6 yards per kick. Sophomore Bret Scheuplein, who handled kickoffs last season, has a booming leg and will compete with Larsen for placekicking duties.

RECRUITING: A fine recruiting class was marred when quarter-

back Chris Redman was released from his letter of intent. Redman, who threw for 57 touchdowns last season at Louisville Male High, asked for his release after offensive coordinator Landry was let go. In an unusual move, the NCAA granted Redman his release, and he later signed with Oklahoma. Illinois did land Oswego, Ill., offensive lineman Mike Flaar (6-5, 290), a first-team *USA Today* All America, and Wheaton North's Steve Havard (5-10, 195), one of the top running backs in Illinois.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Memorial Stadium, Urbana-Champaign, Ill. (69,000, artificial)

RETURNING STARTERS (11): Offense (5); Defense (5); Specialists (1)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Dana Howard, LB (1st-team All America); Ken Dilger, TE (2nd-team All-Big Ten); John Holecsek, LB (2nd-team All-Big Ten); Jonathan Kerr, OL; Chris Richardson, K

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Johnny Johnson, Sr., 198-333-2,495 yards, 19 TDs, 6 INTs

RUSHING: Ty Douthard, Jr., 179 carries, 765 yards, 9 TDs

RECEIVING (catches): Jason Dulick, Jr., 52, 6 TDs

RECEIVING (yards): Dulick, 550 yards

TACKLES: Tyrone Washington, Sr., 93

SACKS: Simeon Rice, Sr., 16

INTERCEPTIONS: (tie) Kevin Hardy, Sr., and Antoine Patton, Sr., 2 each

PUNTING: Brett Larsen, Sr., 40.6 avg.

KICKING: none

SCORING: Douthard, 66 points

(11 TDs)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . MICHIGAN
Sept. 9 . . . at Oregon
Sept. 16 . . . ARIZONA
Sept. 23 . . . EAST CAROLINA
Oct. 7 . . . at Indiana
Oct. 14 . . . MICHIGAN STATE
Oct. 28 . . . NORTHWESTERN
Nov. 4 . . . at Iowa
Nov. 11 . . . at Ohio State
Nov. 18 . . . MINNESOTA
Nov. 25 . . . at Wisconsin

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 1 . . . WASHINGTON STATE (at Chic); lost, 10-9
Sept. 10 . . . MISSOURI; won, 42-0
Sept. 17 . . . N. ILLINOIS; won, 34-10
Oct. 1 . . . PURDUE; lost, 22-16
Oct. 8 . . . at Ohio State; won, 24-10
Oct. 15 . . . IOWA; won, 47-7
Oct. 22 . . . MICHIGAN; lost, 19-14
Oct. 29 . . . at Northwestern; won, 28-7
Nov. 5 . . . at Minnesota; won, 21-17
Nov. 12 . . . PENN STATE; lost, 35-31
Nov. 19 . . . at Wisconsin; lost, 19-13
Dec. 31 . . . vs. East Carolina in Liberty Bowl; won, 30-0

MILESTONES

• Rice's 16 sacks in '94 gave him 33 for his career, shattering the previous school mark.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Survive grueling early schedule, which includes games against Michigan, Oregon and Arizona.
- ✓ Quick adjustment to the new offensive coordinator, Illinois' third in four years.
- ✓ Another monster year out of Rice.

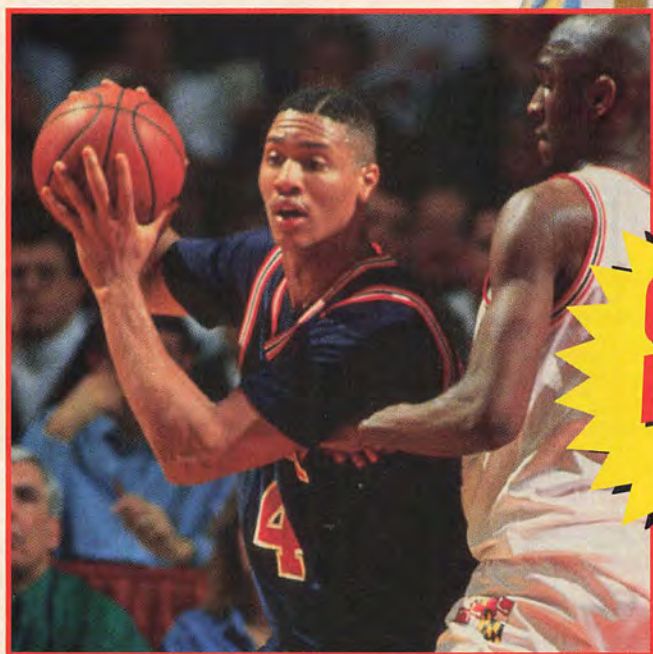
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By BRENDAN HEALEY

Head coach Barry Alvarez was linked to several college and pro coaching vacancies during the off-season, including the University of Miami and Philadelphia Eagles jobs. It wasn't until late January that Alvarez finally withdrew from consideration for the Eagles position, citing the pressures of recruiting.

Looking at the key offensive personnel the Badgers lost from last season, it's a wonder Alvarez did stay at Wisconsin. The dynamic rushing duo of Terrell Fletcher (1,476 yards in 1994) and '94 Rose Bowl MVP Brett Moss (833 yards) is gone. All-America center Cory Raymer and All-Big Ten guard Joe Rudolph have also departed. And wide receiver Lee DeRamus, who broke his leg before the first game last year, elected to turn pro instead of returning for a medical redshirt season.

Wisconsin's offense won't be swiss cheese in '95, however. The Badgers have the most experienced quarterback in the Big Ten returning in Darrell Bevell and an explosive wide receiver in Tony Simmons to make Alvarez feel right at home.

OFFENSE: How do you replace more than 2,300 yards rushing? Wisconsin will turn to a pair of exciting sophomores. Carl McCullough will team with running back Royce Roberson, who averaged 5.1 yards per carry and gained 303 yards backing up Fletcher and Moss last year. Simmons had eight touchdown catches last season, one short of Al Toon's single-season school record, and also averaged 26.7 yards per catch, the second highest total for a freshman in Big Ten history.

He should see a lot more balls this year with senior Bevell back for his fourth season as a starter. Bevell was hampered by a separated shoulder last season but still threw for 1,544 yards and 17 touchdowns. With a 21-10-2 record, he is already the winningest quarterback in school history.

Wisconsin will rebuild the offensive line around junior right tackle Jerry Wunsch (6-foot-6, 315 pounds). Senior right guard Steve Stark (6-3, 284) is the only other returning starter, although junior guard Jamie Vanderveldt (6-5, 285) earned significant playing time last season.

DEFENSE: The defense suffered fewer losses than the offense, but the Badgers still said goodbye to school career interception co-leader Jeff Messenger and school career sack leader Mike Thompson. Defensive coordinator Dan McCarthy also left to take the head job at Iowa State.

Wisconsin is switching to a 4-3 alignment from a 3-4 last season, and the front seven should be a strength. Junior linebacker Pete Monty had a team-leading 131 tackles last season, including 19 against Illinois, and senior linebacker Eric Unverzagt was second on the team



TONY SIMMONS
WR

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Darrell Bevell (Sr., 6-2, 197)*	Pete Diatelevi (Jr., 6-3, 228)
TB: Carl McCullough (So., 6-3, 218)	Royce Roberson (So., 6-1, 228)
FB: Cecil Martin (Fr., 6-2, 220)	Brandon Cantrell (So., 6-2, 229)
WR: Tony Simmons (So., 6-2, 194)*	Michael London (Sr., 6-0, 170)
WR: Reggie Torian (So., 6-3, 186)	Donald Hayes (So., 6-5, 198)
TE: Matt Nyquist (Sr., 6-2, 240)	Kevin Lyles (Jr., 6-4, 240)
LF: Cayetano Castro (Jr., 6-6, 310)	Todd Halbur (So., 6-4, 291)
LG: Jamie Vanderveldt (Jr., 6-5, 285)	Derek Engler (Jr., 6-5, 293)
C: Al Gay (Jr., 6-4, 271)	Mike Rader (Jr., 6-5, 280)
RG: Steve Stark (Sr., 6-3, 284)*	James Darby (Jr., 6-5, 288)
RT: Jerry Wunsch (Jr., 6-6, 315)*	John Rohde (Jr., 6-4, 320)

DEFENSE

DE: Bryan Jurewicz (Jr., 6-5, 261)*	Rob Lurtsema (So., 6-5, 230)
DE: Jason Maniecki (Sr., 6-5, 290)*	Brandon Williams (Fr., 6-4, 248)
DE: Rod Spiller (Jr., 6-4, 250)	Haywood Simmons (Sr., 6-3, 260)
DE: Tarek Saleh (Jr., 6-3, 229)*	Azree Commander (Jr., 6-3, 232)
LB: Pete Monty (Jr., 6-2, 231)*	Brian Flanigan (So., 6-2, 236)
LB: Eric Unverzagt (Sr., 6-2, 235)*	Dan Schneck (Jr., 5-11, 225)
LB: Pete Diatelevi (Jr., 6-3, 228)	David Lysek (So., 6-2, 225)
CB: LaMar Campbell (So., 5-11, 170)	Damon Glenn (So., 6-0, 181)
CB: Jason Suttle (So., 5-11, 174)	Cyrill Weems (Jr., 6-2, 202)
SS: Leonard Taylor (Fr., 6-0, 186)	Bob Adamov (Fr., 6-0, 202)
SS: Kevin Huntley (So., 6-2, 195)	Giscard Bernard (Jr., 6-0, 184)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: John Hall (Jr., 6-3, 215)*	Dana Nielsen (Fr., 6-0, 188)
P: John Hall (Jr., 6-3, 215)	Jeremy Kranz (Jr., 6-3, 190)

(* denotes returning starter)

with 115 tackles.

Three starters return to the defensive line. Junior Tarek Saleh moves from outside linebacker, where he led the team with seven sacks, to defensive end. Senior Jason Maniecki (6-5, 290) goes from nose guard, where he had 13 tackles for a loss, to tackle, and junior end Bryan Jurewicz (6-5, 261) is back for his second season as a starter.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Junior John Hall, who split time at placekicker last season, will take over both kicking duties this season. The loose-legged Hall was 5-of-5 on kicks from 40-to-49 yards last season, and fewer than half his kickoffs were returned.

RECRUITING: Rumors of Alvarez leaving hampered his recruiting efforts. Nonetheless, he managed to land many of the top players in Wisconsin and also raided Illinois for several top players. Tom Burke (6-4, 240), a defensive lineman from Northwestern High in Poplar, was chosen the Gatorade Player of the Year in Wisconsin. Quarterback Mark Zanders (6-4, 215) from Joliet (Ill.) West threw for 1,692 yards last season and was considered one of the top prep quarterbacks in the nation.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Camp Randall Stadium, Madison, Wis. (77,745, artificial)

RETURNING STARTERS (10): Offense (4); Defense (5); Specialists (1)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Cory Raymer, C (1st-team All America); Joe Rudolph, OL (1st-team All-Big Ten); Mike Verstegen, OL (1st-team All-Big Ten); Mike Thompson, DL (1st-team All-Big Ten); Jeff Messenger, DB (1st-team All-Big Ten); Lee DeRamus, WR, Terrell Fletcher, RB (both entered NFL Draft)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Darrell Bevell, Sr., 139-231-1,544 yards, 17 TDs, 10 INTs

RUSHING: Royce Roberson, So., 59 carries, 303 yards, 2 TDs

RECEIVING (catches): Ron Johnson, Sr., 33, 3 TDs

RECEIVING (yards): Tony Simmons, So., 588 yards

TACKLES: Pete Monty, Jr., 131

SACKS: Tarek Saleh, Jr., 7

INTERCEPTIONS: Monty and Eric Unverzagt, Sr., 2 each

PUNTING: none

KICKING: John Hall, Jr., 7-10 FGs

SCORING: Fletcher, 80 points (13 TDs, 1 2PT)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	. COLORADO
Sept. 16	. at Stanford
Sept. 23	. SMU
Sept. 30	. at Penn State
Oct. 14	. OHIO STATE
Oct. 21	. at Northwestern
Oct. 28	. MICHIGAN STATE
Nov. 4	. at Purdue
Nov. 11	. at Minnesota
Nov. 18	. IOWA
Nov. 25	. ILLINOIS

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 10	. E. MICHIGAN; won, 56-0
Sept. 17	. at Colorado; lost, 55-17
Sept. 24	. INDIANA; won, 62-13
Oct. 1	. . . at Michigan St.; lost, 29-10
Oct. 8	. . . at Northwestern; won, 46-14
Oct. 15	. . . PURDUE; tie, 27-27
Oct. 22	. . . MINNESOTA; lost, 17-14
Oct. 29	. . . at Michigan; won, 31-19
Nov. 5	. . . at Ohio State; lost, 24-3
Nov. 12	. . . CINCINNATI; won, 38-7
Nov. 19	. . . ILLINOIS; won, 19-13
Jan. 2	. . . vs. Duke in Hall of Fame Bowl; won, 34-20

MILESTONES

■ QB Darrell Bevell holds school records for passing yards (5,413), attempts (752) and completions (451).

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Emergence of a back to ease loss of Fletcher and Moss.
- ✓ Rebuilding the secondary.
- ✓ Solid leadership from QB Bevell.

Wally Richardson has started one — count 'em one — game at Penn State in his entire career. This season, all that's being asked of him is to replace former first-team All-America Kerry Collins, the fifth player taken overall in the 1995 NFL Draft.

Sure, Richardson has some mighty big high-top shoes to fill, but nobody expects Penn State's new quarterback to trip up. Not coach Joe Paterno, who has said Richardson has more natural ability than Collins. Not offensive coordinator Fran Ganter, who said Richardson is "a natural leader" among other things.

"I don't see anywhere where he's weak," Ganter said. "He's got everything you're looking for. All he needs to do is play."

Richardson, a 6-foot-4, 211-pound junior eligible, has thrown just 78 passes at PSU. But he is surrounded by experience; seven starters return from a unit that led the nation in both total and scoring offense last year, including wide receivers Bobby Engram and Freddie Scott, who combined for 99 catches a year ago.

"When things look dumb or something," Richardson said, "I'm definitely going to go to the guys who've been able to do it in the past."

But he should hold up his end, too. He is so highly regarded by his peers that, when it came time two years ago for each class to elect two representatives to a players' council that meets weekly with Paterno, Richardson was the only unanimous choice in any class.

The year before that, he led the Lions to victory in their opener at Cincinnati after injuries felled Collins, John Sacca and Matt Nardolillo. He made his lone start the following week, orchestrating a 49-8 win over Temple.

Now, it's his time. "He has indicated in every way that he's the guy in charge," Ganter said.

Nothing new there. He had been pressed into service midway through his freshman year at Sumter, S.C., High, after the top two quarterbacks were thrown off the team for disciplinary reasons. He led Sumter to victory over an undefeated team, and he took his team to a state championship and a state runner-up finish later in his career.

Richardson would love a title shot at Penn State, where he will gain added attention since he's the first black quarterback to start for Paterno in 25 years, since Mike Cooper in the 1970 season. Back then, the coach wrote in "Paterno: By The Book," that racists called Paterno's home "day and night," and that letters of protest "poured in."

Paterno benched an ineffective Cooper after four games — prompting complaints, the coach wrote, from blacks — and eventually settled on John Hufnagel.

But that was then, this is now. "I think Wally Richardson should be judged as an athlete," Paterno said. "This Afro-American quarterback stuff — God, I hope all that junk's behind us."

There is pressure enough in playing quarterback at PSU. Witness Collins, who after being booed in 1993 was left scarred, if not bitter.

But Wally Richardson swears he can handle all of that, and there are few people who doubt him.

WALLY RICHARDSON

Penn State

By Gordon Jones



**RISEING STAR
PROFILE**

By JEFF RILEY

Indiana has posted winning records in seven of its 11 years under coach Bill Mallory, but some disturbing trends in recent seasons have tested the patience of Hoosier fans.

The Hoosiers collected early victories over the likes of Toledo, Kentucky, Eastern Michigan, Northern Illinois and Cincinnati, then struggled through a rigorous Big Ten schedule, picking up wins against lower-echelon teams but sputtering against traditional conference powers. The result? Indiana has averaged nearly six wins a year since 1986 and has earned six bowl bids in those nine seasons. And, sure enough, it will get off to a quick start this season when the likes of Southern Mississippi and Western Michigan come to town.

However, the folks in Bloomington are anxious for a Big Ten contender. And they're licking their chops at the prospect of sophomore running back Alex Smith in the backfield and the long-awaited passing of the torch to junior quarterback Chris Dittoe — ending a distracting quarterback controversy that has dogged the Hoosiers the past two seasons.

OFFENSE: Indiana is rich in skill players with Smith, Dittoe, fullback Steve Lee and receivers Eric Matthews and Ajamu Stoner.

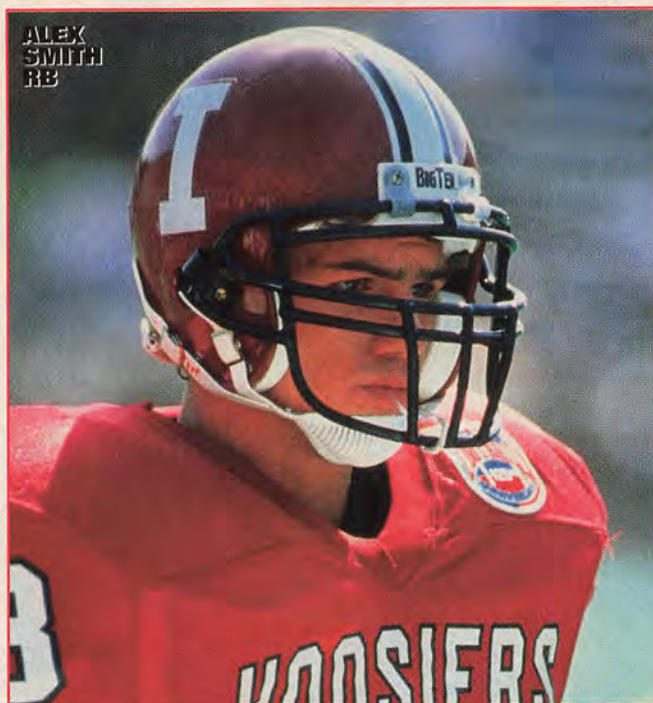
Smith (6-foot-1, 202 pounds) turned in a sensational freshman season last year, when he finished sixth in the nation with 1,475 rushing yards — the third-highest total by a freshman in NCAA history. Dittoe (6-6, 225), who showed signs of brilliance when he came off the bench to throw for 279 yards against top-ranked Penn State last season, provides the run-oriented Hoosiers with yet another weapon.

Although Stoner is only a junior, he had 29 catches for 409 yards (14.1 avg.) last season and could emerge as one of the conference's biggest deep threats. Matthews (11 catches for 130 yards), a returning starter, continues a strong group of receivers that provides Dittoe with plenty of reliable targets.

With three starters returning, the offensive line is one of the conference's best. Leading the way are tackles Chris Liwienski (6-6, 290) and Clay Williams (6-6, 289), guard Tom Lukowski (6-2, 282), center Jay Seib (6-6, 285) and tight end Ben Klusmeyer (6-5, 241).

DEFENSE: The Hoosiers must replace their entire starting line-backing corps of Alfonzo Thurman, Trevor Wilmot and Derrick Terrell. Thurman, the team's MVP last season, led the team in tackles the past three seasons, including 93 last year.

Their effort to overcome the void was further hampered by the loss of middle linebacker Jamie Baisley, who sustained a broken toe just days before spring practice began. When



PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Chris Dittoe (Jr., 6-6, 225)	Adam Greenlee (Sr., 6-1, 195)
TB: Alex Smith (So., 6-1, 202)*	Sean Glover (Sr., 5-11, 205)
FB: Steve Lee (Jr., 6-1, 255)*	Dan Irish (So., 6-1, 241)
WR: Eric Matthews (Sr., 6-0, 175)*	Dorian Wilkerson (So., 6-1, 190)
WR: Ajamu Stoner (Jr., 6-0, 187)	Brian Bruner (So., 6-3, 198)
TE: Ben Klusmeyer (So., 6-5, 241)	Darin Ward (Jr., 6-1, 215)
LE: Chris Liwienski (So., 6-6, 290)*	Greg Jenkins (Fr., 6-7, 281)
LG: Tom Lukowski (Jr., 6-2, 282)*	Albert Haywood (So., 6-2, 301)
C: Jay Seib (Jr., 6-6, 285)*	Chris Lee (So., 6-4, 257)
RE: Michael Mihelic (Jr., 6-5, 291)	George Batalis (Jr., 6-2, 270)
RE: Clay Williams (Sr., 6-6, 289)*	Khalani Banks (So., 6-5, 315)

DEFENSE

DE: Louis Pinnock (Sr., 6-1, 250)*	Hal Parks (Fr., 6-4, 254)
DT: John Hammerstein (Sr., 6-3, 249)*	Benyard Jones (So., 6-3, 252)
DT: Bo Barzilauskas (So., 6-5, 282)	Eli Rasheed (Sr., 6-4, 278)
DE: Nathan Davis (Jr., 6-5, 265)*	Aaron Williams (Fr., 6-5, 257)
LB: Jon Pilch (Sr., 6-2, 194)	Mike Belu (Fr., 6-2, 200)
LB: Jamie Baisley (Jr., 6-2, 235)	Saute Dean (Sr., 6-2, 211)
LB: Matt Surface (Jr., 6-2, 217)	Reggie Bryant (Jr., 6-2, 222)
CB: Eric Allen (Jr., 6-1, 194)	Joe King (So., 6-0, 174)
CB: Kris Mucci (Sr., 5-11, 183)*	Joey Eloms (So., 5-11, 182)
SS: Aaron Warnecke (So., 6-1, 192)*	Craig Goode (So., 6-1, 190)
FS: Eric Smedley (Sr., 5-11, 195)*	Brian Coleman (Fr., 6-0, 187)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Bill Manolopoulos (Jr., 5-10, 160)*	Will Horn (Sr., 5-11, 180)
P: Alan Sutkowski (So., 6-1, 178)	Michael Irving (Fr., 6-3, 201)

(* denotes returning starter)

Baisley returns, he'll be joined by the foursome of Jon Pilch, Matt Surface, Reggie Bryant and Saute Dean — none of whom have ever started a game at Indiana.

Three starters return on the defensive line: ends Nathan Davis and Louis Pinnock, and tackle John Hammerstein. Indiana's secondary is expected to improve. Starters Kris Mucci, Eric Smedley and Aaron Warnecke return, with Smedley moving from cornerback to free safety. Lettermen Eric Allen, Joe King and Joey Eloms provide the Hoosiers with depth.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Placekicker Bill Manolopoulos, a 1993 All-Big

Ten selection, is coming off a season in which he was only 6 of 11 on field-goal attempts. The loss of two-time All-Big Ten punter Jim DiGuilio will be felt, and the Hoosiers will turn to a platoon system that features two walk-ons and a freshman.

RECRUITING: The 25-recruit class features eight Indiana natives and five linebackers, including All America Bryan Bobay, a 6-2, 250-pounder from Ft. Wayne (Ind.) Snider. Quarterback Brad Weber of Auburn (Ind.) DeKalb was a finalist for Indiana's Mr. Football Award.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Memorial Stadium, Bloomington, Ind. (52,354, artificial)
RETURNING STARTERS (14): Offense (7); Defense (6); Specialists (1)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Andrew Greene, OL (2nd-team All-Big Ten), Alfonzo Thurman, LB (2nd-team All-Big Ten); Troy Drake, DT; Lance Brown, FS

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Chris Dittoe, Jr., 58-107-631 yards, 6 TDs, 1 INTs

RUSHING: Alex Smith, So., 265 carries, 1,475 yards, 10 TDs

RECEIVING (catches): Ajamu Stoner, Jr., 29, 4 TDs

RECEIVING (yards): Stoner, 409

TACKLES: Aaron Warnecke, So., 56

SACKS: Nathan Davis, Jr., 3

INTERCEPTIONS: Eric Smedley, Sr., 4

PUNTING: none

KICKING: Bill Manolopoulos, Jr., 6-11 FGs (long 37), 32-35 PATs

SCORING: Smith, 60 points (10 TDs)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 9	WESTERN MICHIGAN
Sept. 16	KENTUCKY
Sept. 23	SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
Sept. 30	at Northwestern
Oct. 7	ILLINOIS
Oct. 14	at Iowa
Oct. 21	MICHIGAN
Oct. 28	at Penn State
Nov. 11	MICHIGAN STATE
Nov. 18	at Ohio State
Nov. 24	PURDUE

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3	CINCINNATI; won, 28-3
Sept. 10	MIAMI (OH); won, 35-14
Sept. 17	at Kentucky; won, 59-29
Sept. 24	at Wisconsin; lost, 62-13
Oct. 1	MINNESOTA; won, 25-14
Oct. 8	at Iowa; won, 27-20
Oct. 22	NORTHWESTERN; lost, 20-7
Oct. 29	at Michigan St.; lost, 27-21
Nov. 5	PENN STATE; lost, 35-29
Nov. 12	OHIO STATE; lost, 32-17
Nov. 19	at Purdue; won, 33-29

MILESTONES

■ Mallory's 25-year collegiate record is 162-113-4, which ranks 24th among active college coaches. He led Miami of Ohio to an 11-0 record in 1973.

■ Smith's 245-yard effort against state rival Purdue in the 1994 season finale was the third-highest single-game total in school history.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Overcoming inexperience at quarterback and linebacker.
- ✓ Experienced front line must continue to open holes for Smith.
- ✓ Revamped defense must come together.

By JEFF RILEY

Purdue should once again have little difficulty finding the end zone. Eight starters return from an offense that finished 12th in the nation in rushing offense (234 yards per game) and 22nd in scoring (30.5 points per game).

The problems begin with the Boilermakers' porous defense, which gave up 471 yards and 31.5 points a game. Purdue must prove it can keep opponents out of its end zone, but that's a task that should become easier with nine returning lettermen this season.

Purdue is coming off its best season since 1985, an impressive feat for a team that finished 1-10 in 1993 and played the nation's 12th-most difficult schedule last year. The Boilermakers won four of their first five games and were three breaks away from a 7-4 finish.

Head coach Jim Colletto knows, however, his team must play some defense if it expects to post its first winning season in 11 years. "We gave away too many big plays last year," Colletto said. "That's our primary concern right now."

OFFENSE: Scoring wasn't a problem last season—Purdue finished with its highest point total since 1969. Much of that success can be attributed to a talented offensive line and senior Mike Alstott, the first Boilermaker running back to gain 1,000 yards since Scott Dierking in 1976.

Alstott is a punishing package at 6-foot-1, 241 pounds. He gained 1,188 yards last season—the second-highest total in school history—without the benefit of a blocking back and scored 14 touchdowns. This season, Alstott—with the help of former Purdue great Leroy Keyes (now the team's running backs coach)—should rewrite large segments of the school's record books.

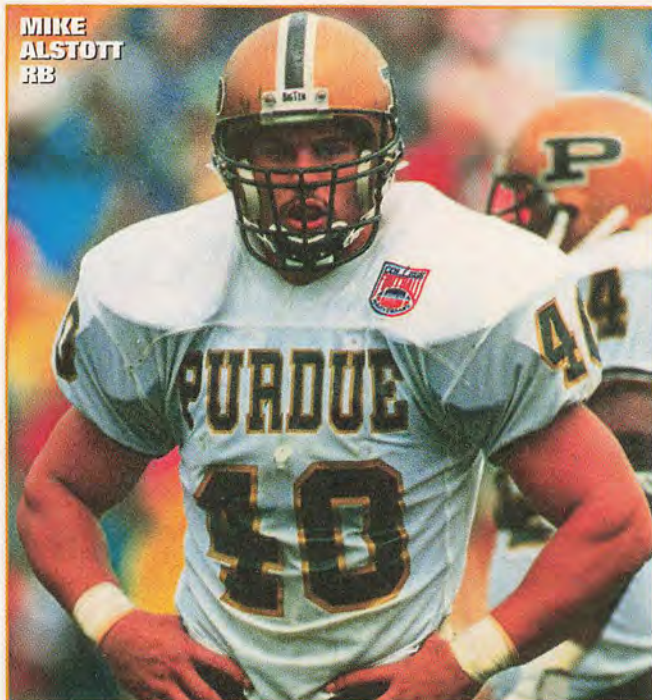
"We feel pretty good about our offense package, and Alstott's a big key there," Colletto said.

Senior tailback Corey Rogers, the 1991 Big Ten Freshman of the Year, ranks sixth in career rushing yardage (2,012 yards) and gained 764 yards last season.

Senior quarterback Rick Trefzger is a returning starter who passed for 1,137 yards last season, but he is being pushed for the starting spot by junior Bill Dicken and senior Brian Goehl.

Burt Thornton, the team's leading receiver last year and an honorable mention All-Big Ten pick, has graduated, but the Boilermakers won't miss a step in senior speedster Craig Allen. The skill players should have ample opportunity to perform, thanks to a veteran offensive line anchored by returning starters Emmett Zitelli, Damon Lewis, Chris Sedoris and Charlie Stephens.

DEFENSE: With eight starters returning, Purdue's defense should improve on last year's poor perfor-



MIKE
ALSTOTT
RB

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Rick Trefzger (Sr., 6-2, 204)*	Bill Dicken (Jr., 6-1, 190)
TB: Edwin Watson (So., 6-0, 210)	Corey Rogers (Sr., 5-10, 210)*
FB: Mike Alstott (Sr., 6-1, 241)*	Kevin Sellers (Sr., 5-9, 233)
WR: Brian Alford (Jr., 6-1, 183)	Kirk Olivadotti (Sr., 5-10, 177)
WR: Craig Allen (Sr., 6-1, 175)*	Willie Tillman (So., 6-0, 175)
TE: Charlie Stephens (Sr., 6-4, 247)*	Jon Blackman (Jr., 6-6, 254)
LE: John Hoogendorn (Jr., 6-5, 280)	Dan Maly (Jr., 6-6, 260)
LG: Damon Lewis (Jr., 6-2, 340)*	Mark Fischer (Jr., 6-4, 274)
C: Emmett Zitelli (Sr., 6-3, 285)*	Brian Nicley (Jr., 6-6, 266)
RG: Chris Sedoris (Sr., 6-4, 277)*	Mike Szany (Sr., 6-3, 281)
RE: Alfie Hill (Sr., 6-3, 300)	Chris Hill (Jr., 6-6, 273)

DEFENSE

DE: Darnell Howard (Jr., 6-2, 256)	Craig Williams (Sr., 6-3, 232)
DE: Jayme Washel (Sr., 6-2, 270)*	Greg Smith (Jr., 6-3, 283)
DE: Jon Krick (Sr., 6-2, 287)*	Ben Metzger (Sr., 6-3, 282)
DE: Mike Burchfield (Sr., 6-5, 253)*	Brandon Jewell (Jr., 6-2, 245)
LB: Aaron Hall (Sr., 6-1, 235)*	Jim Maciag (Sr., 6-1, 225)
LB: Chike Okefor (So., 6-5, 237)*	Joe Hagins (Jr., 6-0, 204)*
LB: Bob O'Connor (Sr., 6-0, 224)	Chris Koeppen (Sr., 5-9, 223)
CB: Derrick Winston (Jr., 6-0, 170)	Bill Chapman (So., 6-0, 185)
CB: Derrick Brown (So., 5-9, 170)*	Bobby Owens (Sr., 5-10, 178)
SS: Reggie Johnson (Jr., 5-11, 194)*	Jamel Coleman (So., 6-0, 189)
FS: Lee Brush (So., 5-10, 183)	Brian Lohman (Sr., 6-1, 205)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Brad Bobich (Sr., 6-1, 214)*	Rob Deignan (Sr., 6-4, 217)
P: Rob Deignan (Sr., 6-4, 217)*	Bill Dicken (Jr., 6-1, 190)

(* denotes returning starter)

mance. The line is led by senior tackle Jon Krick, one of the Big Ten's best. He is flanked by veterans Jayme Washel and Mike Burchfield.

The finest aspect of Purdue's defense lays in the talents of linebackers Aaron Hall, Chike Okefor, Bob O'Connor and Joe Hagins. Hall (109 tackles) was the team's leading tackler and finished 10th in the Big Ten. Hagins returns after a hard-hitting stint in the secondary last season.

Purdue needs marked improvement in its secondary, which was burned for 18 touchdowns and 2,397 yards last season.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Punter Rob Deignan turned in the school's

fourth-best season average (41.0 yards) last year. Kicker Brad Bobich was 6 of 12 on field-goal attempts last season, including a kick with 47 seconds left that earned a 27-27 tie with Wisconsin. Craig Allen averaged 10.2 yards per punt return last season, and Curtis Taylor averaged 20.8 on kickoff returns.

RECRUITING: Purdue beefed up its line with five of eight linemen recruits tipping the scales at more than 260 pounds, including 6-6, 310-pound Nick Sweeney from Salinas, Calif.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Ross-Ade Stadium, Lafayette, Ind. (67,861, grass)
RETURNING STARTERS (18): Offense (8); Defense (8); Specialists (2)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Burt Thornton, WR

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Rick Trefzger, Sr., 74-131-1,137 yards, 3 TDs, 6 INTs
RUSHING: Mike Alstott, Sr., 202 carries, 1,188 yards, 14 TDs
RECEIVING (catches): Alstott, 23
RECEIVING (yards): Alstott, 298
TACKLES: Aaron Hall, Sr., 109
SACKS: Darnell Howard, Jr., 4
INTERCEPTIONS: none
PUNTING: Rob Deignan, Sr., 41.0 avg.
KICKING: Brad Bobich, Sr., 6-12 FGs (long 37), 40-41 PATs
SCORING: Alstott, 86 points (14 TDs, 12 PT)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . at West Virginia
Sept. 9 . . . NOTRE DAME
Sept. 23 . . . MICHIGAN STATE
Sept. 30 . . . BALL STATE
Oct. 7 . . . at Minnesota
Oct. 14 . . . PENN STATE
Oct. 21 . . . at Ohio State
Nov. 4 . . . WISCONSIN
Nov. 11 . . . at Michigan
Nov. 18 . . . NORTHWESTERN
Nov. 24 . . . at Indiana

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 10 . . . TOLEDO; won, 51-17
Sept. 17 . . . BALL STATE; won, 49-21
Sept. 24 . . . at Notre Dame; lost, 39-21
Oct. 1 . . . at Illinois; won, 22-16
Oct. 8 . . . MINNESOTA; won, 49-37
Oct. 15 . . . at Wisconsin; tie, 27-27
Oct. 22 . . . at Ohio State; lost, 48-14
Oct. 29 . . . IOWA; tie, 21-21
Nov. 5 . . . MICHIGAN; lost, 45-23
Nov. 12 . . . at Michigan St.; lost, 42-30
Nov. 19 . . . INDIANA; lost, 33-29

MILESTONES

- Mike Alstott needs 1,117 rushing yards to supplant Otis Armstrong as the school's all-time leading rusher.
- Alstott needs two rushing touchdowns to become the school's all-time leader, passing former Purdue great and the school's current running backs coach Leroy Keyes
- The Boilermakers haven't registered a winning season since 1984.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Drastic improvement on defense.
- ✓ The durable Alstott must remain injury-free.
- ✓ Quarterbacks must step it up a notch.

By STEVE KORNACKI

New head coach Nick Saban probably would've preferred a doormat to his welcome mat opponent — defending national champion Nebraska.

Hey, it has to get easier after that, right? Not exactly. There's home dates against Boston College and Michigan and away games versus Illinois and Wisconsin before 1994 runner-up Penn State visits East Lansing in the regular-season finale.

That doesn't bode well for the Spartans. They didn't beat a team among the final Associated Press Top 25 a year ago, and George Perles was forced out after his fourth straight season without a winning record.

The losses didn't end there. Michigan State president M. Peter McPherson went hard after Penn State offensive coordinator Fran Ganter but came up empty. So, he hired Saban, the Cleveland Browns' defensive coordinator. Saban was the Spartans' defensive coordinator when they won the Big Ten in 1987 and beat Southern Cal in the Rose Bowl. He moved to the Houston Oilers after that campaign and was the head coach at Toledo, going 9-2 in 1990, before joining the Browns.

Michigan State built its reputation during that Rose Bowl season on a running attack and stubborn defense, but ranked only eighth in the Big Ten in rushing and eighth in total defense last year. This will be a rebuilding year, and Saban won't feel much pressure for another season or two. But the parity of the conference does allow for at least seven wins overall if the Spartans can pull out some close games.

OFFENSE: Michigan State is one of the few Big Ten schools returning a proven tailback and quarterback. Duane Goulbourne rushed for 930 yards and Tony Banks threw for 2,040 yards.

"From all indications," Saban said, "Tony Banks could be one of the better returning quarterbacks in the Big Ten. And our top strength should be our tailbacks, led by Goulbourne."

Nigeria Carter is a quality receiver, and the Spartans are strong at the skill positions. Banks has another legitimate playmaker in senior fullback Scott Greene, who led the team in receptions (42) last season. Right guard Rob Denton is the only returning starter on the line, and that could spell problems.

DEFENSE: Michigan and Penn State combined to score 99 points on the Spartans, and they weren't running up the scores. There are holes to fill everywhere but at linebacker. Leading tackler Ike Reese and inside linebacker Reggie Garnett are solid, although Garnett didn't benefit from last year's switch to a 3-4 defensive front. He was a natural at the 4-3 inside

DUANE GOULBOURNE RB



PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Tony Banks (Sr., 6-6, 225)*	Damien Hiram (So., 6-5, 195)
TB: Duane Goulbourne (Sr., 5-9, 189)*	Marc Renaud (So., 5-11, 186)
FB: Scott Greene (Sr., 5-11, 227)*	Robert Dozier (Jr., 6-0, 240)
WR: Nigeria Carter (Jr., 6-3, 185)*	Muhsin Muhammad (Sr., 6-3, 205)
WR: Derrick Mason (Jr., 5-11, 185)	Napoleon Outlaw (Sr., 5-10, 175)
TE: Josh Keur (So., 6-5, 250)	Elroy Reese (Jr., 6-5, 250)
LT: Dave Mudge (So., 6-7, 287)*	Scott Shaw (So., 6-4, 290)
LG: Bob Denton (Sr., 6-5, 290)	Don Walker (So., 6-3, 210)
C: Matt Beard (Jr., 6-2, 270)	Tony Popovski (Sr., 6-4, 285)
RG: Brian Mossalam (Jr., 6-2, 275)	Jason Strayhorn (Fr., 6-3, 270)
RT: Flozell Adams (So., 6-6, 310)	Jamaal Crawford (Jr., 6-3, 278)

DEFENSE

DE: Orion Hayes (Sr., 6-4, 265)	Josh Freeman (So., 6-6, 260)
DE: Robert McBride (Sr., 6-2, 272)	Floyd Bell (Sr., 6-6, 331)
DE: Chris Smith (Jr., 6-3, 255)	Greg Reid (Fr., 6-4, 270)
DE: Yakini Allen (Sr., 6-2, 245)*	Terry Harvey (Sr., 6-2, 241)
LB: Travis Reese (So., 6-2, 240)	Gary Kuhn (Jr., 6-4, 250)
LB: Reggie Garnett (Jr., 6-2, 225)*	Tyrons Garland (So., 6-0, 227)
LB: Ike Reese (So., 6-4, 218)*	Carl Reeves (Jr., 6-4, 225)
CB: Demetrice Martin (Sr., 5-9, 180)*	Aldi Henry (Jr., 5-11, 185)
CB: Shen Hart (So., 5-9, 170)	Amp Campbell (So., 6-2, 185)
S: Brian Echols (Jr., 6-2, 190)	Marvin Wright (Jr., 6-1, 211)
S: Robert Shurelds (Sr., 6-2, 175)*	Dan Hackenbracht (So., 6-2, 187)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Chris Gardner (So., 5-10, 180)*	Steve Barnhill (Jr., 6-3, 203)
P: Chris Salini (Sr., 6-1, 226)*	Steve Barnhill (Jr., 6-3, 203)

(* denotes returning starter)

backer position.

"Our linebackers will be a strength," Saban said. "Garnett and Reese are recognized as bonafide backers with the kind of ability you need to compete in the Big Ten."

Cornerback Demetrice Martin made seven interceptions last year and is a big plus.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Chris Salani averaged only 38.8 yards per punt, and Chris Gardner didn't make a field goal beyond 37 yards. Gardner hit all 10 from 29 yards or closer, but was four of 10 on kicks inside the 30-to-39-yard range. He missed his only attempt of 40-plus yards. The Spartans returned two kicks for

touchdowns and didn't allow any.

RECRUITING: Saban didn't do badly considering his late start. Wide receiver Ken Carrington could have an instant impact if he qualifies academically, and three linemen were also top recruits: Marcus Chapman, Max Nixon and Jabbar Threats (rated one of the top JUCO prospects in the country). However, the Spartans didn't get any of the top in-state recruits, and the only one they had a good shot at, Nick Williams, picked Miami (Fla.) over Michigan State.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Spartan Stadium, East Lansing, Mich. (73,000, artificial)
RETURNING STARTERS (12): Offense (5); Defense (5); Specialists (2)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Shane Hannah, OT (2nd-team All-Big Ten); Brian DeMarco, OT (2nd-team All-Big Ten).

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Tony Banks, Sr., 145-238-2,040 yards, 11 TDs, 6 INTs
RUSHING: Duane Goulbourne, Sr., 214 carries, 930 yards, 8 TDs
RECEIVING (catches): Scott Greene, Sr., 42, 3 TDs
RECEIVING (yards): Greene, 452
TACKLES: Ike Reese, So., 64
SACKS: Reese, 3
INTERCEPTIONS: Demetrice Martin, Sr., 7
PUNTING: Chris Salani, Sr., 38.8 avg.
KICKING: Chris Gardner, So., 14-21 FGs (long 37), 30-30 PATs
SCORING: Gardner, 72 points

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 9 . NEBRASKA
Sept. 16 . at Louisville
Sept. 23 . at Purdue
Sept. 30 . BOSTON COLLEGE
Oct. 7 . IOWA
Oct. 14 . at Illinois
Oct. 21 . MINNESOTA
Oct. 28 . at Wisconsin
Nov. 4 . MICHIGAN
Nov. 11 . at Indiana
Nov. 25 . PENN STATE

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 10 . at Kansas; lost, 17-10
Sept. 17 . NOTRE DAME; lost, 21-20
Sept. 24 . MIAMI (OHIO); won, 45-10
Oct. 1 . WISCONSIN; won, 29-10
Oct. 8 . at Michigan; lost, 40-20
Oct. 15 . OHIO STATE; lost, 23-7
Oct. 22 . at Iowa; lost, 19-14
Oct. 29 . INDIANA; won, 27-21
Nov. 6 . at Northwestern; won, 35-17
Nov. 12 . PURDUE; won, 42-30
Nov. 26 . at Penn State; lost, 59-31

MILESTONES

- The Spartans will attempt to avoid a fifth straight season without a winning record for the first time since going six straight from 1979-'84.
- TB Duane Goulbourne (930 yards) narrowly missed extending the school's string of six straight seasons with a 1,000-yard rusher.
- Goulbourne enters this season tied for 10th on the all-time career rushing yardage list with 1,906 yards. A 1,000-yard season would place him fourth all-time.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Develop a pass rush.
- ✓ Rebuild the offensive line.
- ✓ Avoid shell-shock after opening with Nebraska.

By GORDON JONES

In one year at Iowa, sophomore Vernon Rollins went from savior to near-transfer to redshirt.

Now, the one-time *USA Today* All-America linebacker is back to being a savior for a defense that was stampeded last year for 3,415 yards on the ground alone. No Hawkeyes team had allowed more in Hayden Fry's 16 years as head coach.

"Vernon Rollins," Fry said, "is as gifted as any linebacker we've ever had."

Rollins, from Hackensack, N.J., enrolled in a summer program for at-risk students before his freshman year. After the rulings committee first announced he would be eligible and then reversed the decision, Rollins grew disillusioned and was at the airport in Cedar Rapids, a plane ticket to Syracuse in hand, when Fry and company intercepted him and convinced him to stay.

But Rollins never appeared in a game, and, when he injured his knee midway through the season, he was redshirted. Without him, the Iowa defense finished ninth in the Big Ten against the rush. The Hawkeyes hope to reverse that this season by switching from a 4-3 set to a 5-2, with Rollins among the revamped starting lineup.

OFFENSE: The offense is guided by sophomore Matt Sherman, who settled in at quarterback after injuries felled four others last season. Sherman (71.2 percent, six TDs) led Iowa to 98 points in his two starts, season-ending victories over Northwestern and Minnesota, as the Hawkeyes closed with a four-game unbeaten streak.

The tailback tandem of junior Sedrick Shaw (170 carries, 1,002 yards) and sophomore backup Tavian Banks (35 carries, 257 yards) were the main reason the Hawkeyes managed 2,431 rushing yards, the third-best total in Iowa history. "You might see Shaw and Banks in the backfield at the same time," Fry said.

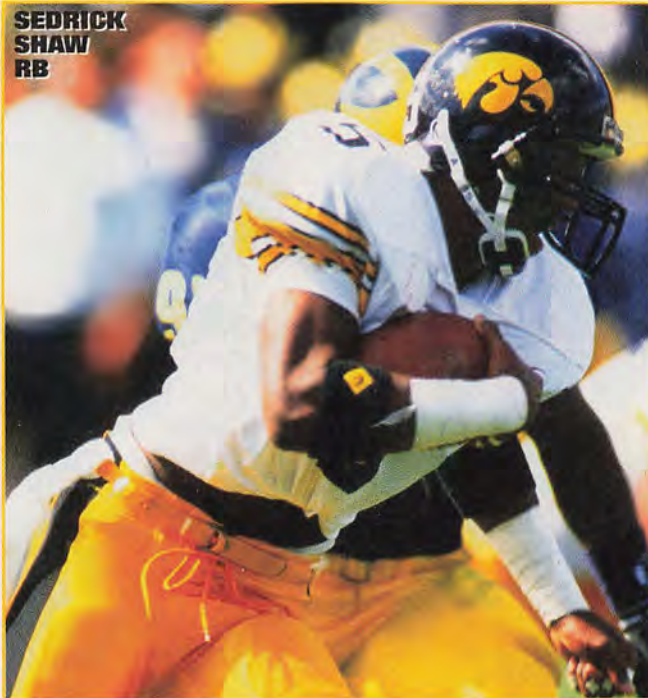
Sophomore Tim Dwight, who has moved from running back to wing-back, figures to get the ball in a variety of ways while sharing time with Willie Guy. Junior wide receiver Demo Odems can also fly.

Senior tight end Scott Slutzker (27 catches, 379 yards) is Iowa's top returning receiver and he is part of a veteran offensive front that includes senior center Casey Wiegmann, senior guard Matt Purdy and junior tackle Ross Verba.

DEFENSE: In addition to Rollins, senior Marcus Montgomery will press senior Bobby Diaco, the team's leading tackler last year with 116, for time at linebacker. Montgomery got a head start when Diaco was held out of contact drills this spring after undergoing shoulder surgery.

Four of the five returning linemen have starting experience, including senior nose tackle Lloyd Bickham,

SEDRICK SHAW RB



PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Matt Sherman (So., 6-3, 197)*
RB: Sedrick Shaw (Jr., 6-1, 200)*
RB: Rodney Filer (Jr., 6-2, 235)
WR: Demo Odems (Jr., 5-10, 184)
WR: Willie Guy (Sr., 6-0, 195)
TE: Scott Slutzker (Sr., 6-5, 232)
LE: Ross Verba (Jr., 6-3, 265)*
LB: Matt Purdy (Sr., 6-2, 270)*
C: Casey Wiegmann (Sr., 6-2, 285)*
RG: Mike Goff (So., 6-6, 275)
RE: Aaron Kooler (Sr., 6-5, 280)

Ryan Driscoll (Jr., 6-4, 214)
Tavian Banks (So., 5-11, 193)
Trevor Bollers (So., 6-1, 218)
Riccard Carter (So., 6-0, 175)
Tim Dwight (So., 5-10, 170)
Derek Price (Sr., 6-3, 238)
Jeremy McKinney (So., 6-6, 275)
Matt Reischl (Fr., 6-5, 248)
Bill Reardon (Jr., 6-3, 260)
Ian Davis (Jr., 6-7, 285)
Matt Redman (Fr., 6-5, 265)

DEFENSE

DE: Bill Ennis-Inge (Jr., 6-5, 240)*
DE: Chris Webb (Sr., 6-4, 270)*
NB: Lloyd Bickham (Sr., 6-3, 270)
DT: Jared DeVries (Fr., 6-4, 200)
DE: George Bennett (Sr., 6-1, 235)*
LB: Vernon Rollins (Fr., 6-3, 220)
LB: Bobby Diaco (Sr., 6-2, 228)*
CB: Billy Coats (Jr., 5-11, 180)
CB: Tom Knight (Jr., 5-11, 185)
SS: Chris Jackson (Sr., 6-2, 190)
FS: Damien Robinson (Jr., 6-2, 200)

Reynaldo Spalding (Jr., 6-3, 223)
Jon LaFleur (So., 6-3, 260)*
Steve English (Fr., 6-2, 230)
Jared Kerkhoff (Fr., 6-6, 230)
Eric Hilgenberg (Sr., 6-1, 212)
Mark Mitchell (Jr., 6-2, 231)
Marcus Montgomery (Sr., 6-2, 220)
Eric Thigpen (Fr., 6-1, 175)
Piez Atkins (So., 6-1, 182)*
Mick Mulherin (Sr., 6-2, 185)
Kerry Cooks (So., 6-0, 185)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Brion Hurley (Jr., 6-2, 190)*
P: Nick Gallery (Jr., 6-4, 225)*

Todd Romano (Sr., 6-2, 195)
Brion Hurley (Jr., 6-2, 190)

(* denotes returning starter)

who missed all but four games last year with a broken ankle, and senior tackle Chris Webb, who shrugged off a midseason knee injury to record 66 tackles and four sacks.

Among the Hawkeyes' defensive backs are redshirt cornerback Eric Thigpen and junior Damien Robinson, who moved from corner to free safety after making 58 tackles last year.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Dwight (12.4 average) led the conference in punt returns, and Banks (22.8) was fifth in kickoff returns. Punter Nick Galler (40.7) also performed well. The only debut was the placekicking of Brion Hurley and Todd Romano, each of whom connected on just two

of five field-goal attempts.

RECRUITING: Linebacker Raj Clark or fellow Texan Corey Brown, a defensive back, could make a dent on defense, but the biggest area of concern is quarterback. Ryan Driscoll, who started the first six games of 1994 before being lost with a dislocated shoulder, was the only scholarship quarterback on the spring roster besides Sherman. Either Randy Reiners or Matt Bowen, both true freshman, will become third-stringer.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Kinnick Stadium, Iowa City, Iowa (70,397, grass)
RETURNING STARTERS (13): Offense (5); Defense (6); Specialists (2)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Parker Wildeman, DL (2nd-team All-Big Ten); Bo Porter, DB (Hon. Mention All-Big Ten); Tony Bates, DE (entered NFL draft)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Ryan Driscoll, Jr., 78-154-1,018 yards, 3 TDs, 8 INTs
RUSHING: Sedrick Shaw, Jr., 170 carries, 1,002 yards, 7 TDs
RECEIVING (CATCHES): Scott Slutzker, Sr., 27, 2 TDs
RECEIVING (YARDS): Slutzker, 379
TACKLES: Bobby Diaco, Sr., 116
SACKS: Chris Webb, Sr., 4
INTERCEPTIONS: none
PUNTING: Nick Gallery, Jr., 40.7 avg.
KICKING: Brion Hurley, Jr., 2-5 FGs, 23 PATs
SCORING: Shaw, 50 points (8 TDs, 1 2PT)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 9 . . . NORTHERN IOWA
Sept. 16 . . . at Iowa State
Sept. 30 . . . NEW MEXICO STATE
Oct. 7 . . . at Michigan State
Oct. 14 . . . INDIANA
Oct. 21 . . . PENN STATE
Oct. 28 . . . at Ohio State
Nov. 4 . . . ILLINOIS
Nov. 11 . . . at Northwestern
Nov. 18 . . . at Wisconsin
Nov. 25 . . . MINNESOTA

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . C. MICHIGAN; won, 52-21
Sept. 10 . . . IOWA STATE; won, 37-9
Sept. 17 . . . at Penn State; lost, 61-21
Sept. 24 . . . at Oregon; lost, 40-18
Oct. 1 . . . MICHIGAN; lost, 29-14
Oct. 8 . . . INDIANA; lost, 27-20
Oct. 15 . . . at Illinois; lost, 47-7
Oct. 22 . . . MICHIGAN ST.; won, 19-14
Oct. 29 . . . at Purdue; tie, 21-21
Nov. 12 . . . NORTHWESTERN; won, 49-13
Nov. 19 . . . at Minnesota; won, 49-42

MILESTONES:

- TB Sedrick Shaw can become the first Iowa runner to compile back-to-back 1,000-yard rushing seasons.
- Shaw joins Terry Stewart (1988) as the only sophomores to rush for 1,000 yards in a season.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Marked improvement of the rushing defense.
- ✓ QB Matt Sherman's ability to perform over the long haul.
- ✓ Maturity of a youthful roster, especially at receiver and secondary.

MINNESOTA

GOLDEN GOPHERS

COACH: JIM WACKER, 4TH YEAR, 9-24;
153-115-3 OVERALL
'94 RECORD: 3-8 (1-7 CONF.)

By BRENDAN HEALEY

In college football, speed does not necessarily kill, but lack of speed certainly does and Minnesota is trying to get into the fast lane.

The Golden Gophers, second-to-last in the Big Ten in scoring defense a year ago, will follow the "Miami Model" on defense this season. The Hurricanes are famous for converting defensive backs to linebackers and turning linebackers into defensive linemen to get more speed on defense, and Minnesota will try a similar approach in '95.

Senior Justin Konzemius (6-foot-2, 225 pounds), last season's leading tackler with 113, moves from strong safety to linebacker, and senior Peter Hiestand (6-3, 246) is moving from outside linebacker to defensive end.

"What we're trying to do is what everyone else is doing — trying to get more speed on the field," Minnesota coach Jim Wacker said. "This gives us a lot more speed at linebacker, which is critical."

OFFENSE: Wacker won't have to do much tinkering on offense, however. That's because senior running back Chris Darkins, the go-to Gopher, is back. Darkins rushed for 1,443 yards and 11 touchdowns last season and is the Big Ten's biggest workhorse this side of Mr. Ed — Ohio State's Eddie George, that is.

"I've coached Kenneth Davis and some pretty good ones, and he's right up there," Wacker said of Darkins.

Darkins could be an even more integral part of the Minnesota offense this year with the graduation of Minnesota's top two quarterbacks. Sophomore Cory Sauter (6-5, 226) and junior James Murdock (6-3, 228), a transfer from Merced (Calif.) Junior College, will compete for the starting job.

Two of Minnesota's top three all-time pass receivers have graduated, but sophomore Ryan Thelwell (24 catches in seven games), senior Johnny Woodson (28 catches) and sophomore Greg Nelson should be capable replacements.

DEFENSE: As Minnesota attempts to speed up its defense, it will try to slow down opponents' scoring. Last year, the defense allowed 31.6 points per game, and the Gophers lost games in which the offense scored 37, 31 and 42 points.

"We better [improve on defense]," Wacker said, "because you win with defense, no question about that."

Wacker's biggest dilemma is replacing both tackles, including Ed Hawthorne, the Gophers' career leader in tackles for losses with 29. Sophomore Crawford Jordan, who tied for the team lead with three interceptions and had 85 tackles, returns at strong safety.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Senior Mike Chalberg, a semifinalist for the Lou Groza Award last season,

CHRIS DARKINS
RB



PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Cory Sauter (So., 6-5, 226)	Jason Murdock (Jr., 6-3, 228)
RB: Chris Darkins (Sr., 6-1, 215)*	Jaron Jackson (So., 6-0, 187)
RB: Tony Levine (Sr., 5-10, 198)	Tutu Atwell (So., 5-9, 165)
WR: Greg Nelson (So., 6-2, 206)	Johnny Woodson (Sr., 6-2, 180)*
WR: Ryan Thelwell (So., 6-2, 186)	Ryan Hubbard (So., 6-2, 205)
TE: Mark Tangen (Jr., 6-2, 246)*	Paul Kratochvil (Jr., 6-4, 246)
LT: Mike Giovannetti (Sr., 6-6, 301)*	Jeff Baldauf (So., 6-6, 306)
LG: Luke Gline (So., 6-4, 295)	Chris Bergstrom (Jr., 6-3, 297)
C: Todd Jesewitz (Sr., 6-5, 290)*	Gregg James (So., 6-4, 275)
RG: Toby Anderson (Sr., 6-6, 309)	Luke Herkenhoff (So., 6-5, 284)
RT: Gann Brooks (Jr., 6-6, 301)	Chris Fowlkes (Sr., 6-5, 320)

DEFENSE

DE: Jerome Davis (Jr., 6-5, 270)*	Peter Hiestand (Sr., 6-3, 246)*
DE: Antoine Simpson (So., 6-4, 301)	Troy Duerr (Fr., 6-4, 247)
DE: Kevin Holmes (Jr., 6-2, 287)	Raymond Baylor (So., 6-2, 280)
DE: Oglin Akbar (Jr., 6-2, 247)	Lamander Williams (So., 6-4, 247)
LB: Justin Konzemius (Sr., 6-2, 225)*	Mark Cross (So., 6-3, 238)
LB: Ben Langford (Jr., 6-2, 220)*	Dave Watson (So., 6-5, 234)
LB: Craig Sauer (Sr., 6-2, 230)*	Rufus Smith (Fr., 6-2, 214)
CB: Terrance Blayne (Jr., 5-11, 188)	Craig Scruggs (Fr., 5-9, 170)
CB: Rodney Heath (Jr., 5-10, 170)*	Joe Justice (Jr., 5-10, 177)
SS: Crawford Jordan (So., 5-11, 181)*	Don Williams (Jr., 6-2, 196)
FS: Rishon Early (Jr., 6-1, 175)	Jermel Carr (Jr., 5-10, 190)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Mike Chalberg (Sr., 5-11, 170)*	Scott Koelfgen (Sr., 5-10, 201)
P: Ryan Hubbard (So., 6-2, 205)	Garrison Harmann (Sr., 6-2, 206)

(* denotes returning starter)

gives Minnesota a leg up in the kicking game. Chalberg, a native of New Zealand, made 17 of 23 field-goal attempts last year. Punting tryouts may resemble a Rockettes kick line as Wacker looks to replace the departed Mike Kimbell. Sophomore wide receiver Ryan Hubbard, who averaged 33.9 yards on seven punts last season, may have the inside track.

RECRUITING: Wacker brought in several waterbug-type players in a class of 23 prospects. Top in-state recruits include: Mike Cernoch, a 6-5, 225-pound defensive end from Burnsville; Pat Hau, a 6-5, 300-pound offensive tackle from Edina;

and Verdis Webb, a 5-8, 192-pound running back from Cretin-Derham Hall in St. Paul.

Wacker also mined the fertile Texas recruiting grounds he once scoured as the TCU coach and brought in six Texans. Among them are defensive back Ansel Carter (6-0, 165), the San Antonio area prep defensive player of the year, defensive back Michael Barrett (5-11, 165), a top-100 Texan from Sam Houston High in Arlington and slotback Jimmy Wyrick, a 5-9, 165-pound flyer from DeSoto.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome, Minneapolis, Minn. (63,699, artificial)
RETURNING STARTERS (13): Offense (5); Defense (7); Specialists (1)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Ed Hawthorne, DT; Pat O'Brien, OL; Chuck Rios, RB; David Vertin, OL; Tim Schade, QB

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Cory Sauter, So., 9-21-80 yards, 1 INT
RUSHING: Chris Darkins, Sr., 277 carries, 1,443 yards, 11 TDs
RECEIVING (catches): Johnny Woodson, Sr., 28
RECEIVING (yards): Ryan Thelwell, So., 406 yards
TACKLES: Justin Konzemius, Sr., 113
SACKS: Craig Sauer, Sr., 3
INTERCEPTIONS: Crawford Jordan, So. and Konzemius, 3 each
PUNTING: Ryan Hubbard, So., 33.9 avg.
KICKING: Mike Chalberg, Sr., 17-23 FGs, 25-26 PATs
SCORING: Darkins, 78 points (13 TDs)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 16 . . . BALL STATE
Sept. 23 . . . at Syracuse
Sept. 30 . . . ARKANSAS STATE
Oct. 7 . . . PURDUE
Oct. 14 . . . NORTHWESTERN
Oct. 21 . . . at Michigan State
Oct. 28 . . . at Michigan
Nov. 4 . . . OHIO STATE
Nov. 11 . . . WISCONSIN
Nov. 18 . . . at Illinois
Nov. 25 . . . at Iowa

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . PENN STATE; lost, 56-3
Sept. 10 . . . PACIFIC; won, 33-7
Sept. 17 . . . SAN DIEGO ST.; won, 40-17
Sept. 24 . . . at Kansas St.; lost, 35-0
Oct. 1 . . . at Indiana; lost, 25-14
Oct. 8 . . . at Purdue; lost, 49-37
Oct. 15 . . . NORTHWESTERN; lost, 37-31
Oct. 22 . . . at Wisconsin; won, 17-14
Nov. 5 . . . ILLINOIS; lost, 21-17
Nov. 12 . . . at Michigan; lost, 38-22
Nov. 19 . . . IOWA; lost, 49-42

MILESTONE

■ RB Chris Darkins (2,140 yards) needs 678 yards to move past Marion Barber (1977-'80) into second place on Minnesota's all-time rushing list. Darrell Thompson (1986-'89) is first with 4,518.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Improving a defense which allowed 31.6 points per game last season.
- ✓ Replacing departed quarterbacks Tim Schade and Scott Eckers.
- ✓ Getting another 1,000-yard plus season from RB Chris Darkins.

NORTHWESTERN WILDCATS

COACH: GARY BARNETT, 4TH YEAR, 8-24-1;
16-35-2 OVERALL
'94 RECORD: 3-7-1 (2-6 CONF.)

By JEFF RILEY

Upon becoming Northwestern's head coach in 1992, Gary Barnett actually spoke of taking the Wildcats to the Rose Bowl some day. Although the Wildcats have taken respectful strides during Barnett's tenure, they aren't headed toward Pasadena anytime soon.

Northwestern might have to take several steps back before Barnett's young troops mature into Big Ten caliber football players. Despite his talk of "taking the Purple to Pasadena," he might instead have to settle for some purple bruises on Sunday mornings. Dennis Lundy, a 1,000-yard rusher who was Northwestern's only offensive threat last season, has graduated, leaving the Wildcats with five sophomores and a freshman vying for starting spots in the backfield. Then there's the four quarterbacks who each have legitimate shots at earning the starting nod.

"Our top priority is for one of our quarterbacks to emerge as the clear-cut starter," said Barnett, who simplified the offense in an effort to find the man for the job. "We're looking to recapture the passing game we had in the 1992 and 1993 seasons with a new set of receivers."

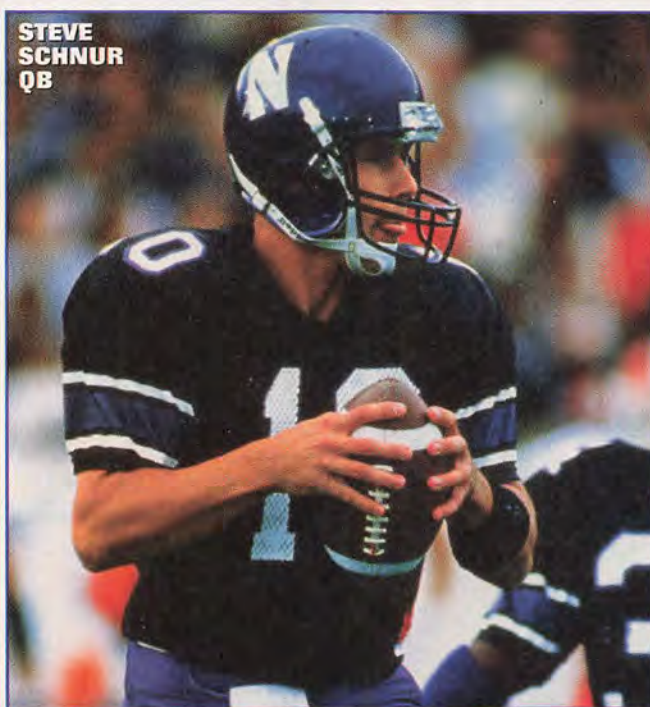
OFFENSE: Senior Steve Schnur and junior Tim Hughes, who took turns calling the signals last season, again will battle for the starting quarterback spot this season. Considering neither Schnur (61 of 117 passing, 899 yards, 10 INTs) nor Hughes (61-132, 774 yards, 8 INTs) was particularly effective in 1994 and both are being pushed by junior Chris Hamdorf and sophomore Lloyd Abramson, the quarterback situation gets quite messy quite fast.

Sophomore Darnell Autry, who rushed for 556 yards last year, earns the first crack at replacing Lundy. Sophomore Adrian Autry and freshman Josh Barnes will compete with sophomore Faraji Leary, who missed spring practice because of a shoulder injury, for the backup tailback spot.

Two starting linemen return and the Wildcats will look to four returning lettermen to fill the void left by All-Big Ten performer Matt O'Dwyer. The receiving corp must replace its top three performers, a heady chore for a group whose leading returner, Dave Beazley, had only eight receptions last season.

DEFENSE: With eight starters returning—including leading tackler Danny Sutter at inside linebacker and honorable mention All-Big Ten free safety William Bennett—the porous Northwestern defense should fare better than the unit which allowed 31.9 points and 416 yards a game last season. The two combined for 220 tackles last season.

The Wildcats must improve their



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PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Steve Schnur (Sr., 6-1, 188)	Tim Hughes (Jr., 6-3, 215)*
TB: Darnell Autry (So., 6-1, 205)	Adrian Autry (So., 5-11, 185)
FB: Matt Hartl (So., 6-3, 225)	Mike McGrew (Sr., 6-0, 216)
WR: Dave Beazley (Sr., 5-9, 185)	Larry Guess (Jr., 6-3, 190)
WR: Toussaint Waterman (Jr., 6-2, 197)	D'Wayne Bates (So., 6-3, 195)
TE: Darren Drexler (Sr., 6-6, 243)	Shane Graham (Sr., 6-6, 280)*
LE: Brian Kardos (Sr., 6-5, 285)	Kevin Peterson (Sr., 6-4, 282)
LG: Chad Pugh (Sr., 6-3, 279)	Nathan Strikweda (So., 6-3, 272)
C: Rob Johnson (Sr., 6-2, 272)*	Adam Reed (So., 6-3, 275)
RG: Ryan Padgett (Sr., 6-3, 293)*	Bryan LaBelle (So., 6-6, 304)
RE: Paul Janus (Jr., 6-5, 280)	Jason Wendland (Sr., 6-4, 285)

DEFENSE

DE: Mike Warren (Sr., 6-5, 237)*	Keith Lozowski (Jr., 6-2, 251)
LE: Matt Rice (Jr., 6-3, 255)*	KeJaun Dubose (Jr., 6-3, 273)
RE: Larry Curry (Sr., 6-4, 273)*	Jon Burns (So., 6-6, 270)
DE: Casey Dailey (Jr., 6-4, 242)	Thor Schmidt (So., 6-3, 240)
LB: Pat Fitzgerald (Jr., 6-4, 224)	Don Holmes (So., 6-0, 240)
LB: Danny Sutter (Sr., 6-2, 225)*	Barry Gardner (So., 5-11, 232)
LB: Tim Scharf (Jr., 6-2, 240)	Geoff Shein (Sr., 6-2, 224)*
CB: Rodney Ray (Sr., 5-11, 190)*	Fred Wilkerson (So., 6-2, 190)
CB: Chris Martin (Sr., 5-9, 180)*	Chris Rooney (Sr., 5-8, 181)
SS: Eric Collier (Jr., 6-2, 215)	Marcel Price (So., 6-1, 190)
FS: William Bennett (Sr., 6-1, 190)*	Mike Nelson (So., 6-2, 200)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Sam Valenzisi (Sr., 5-7, 156)*	Brian Gowins (So., 5-9, 160)
P: Paul Burton (Sr., 5-11, 185)*	Jason Benis (So., 6-5, 197)

(* denotes returning starter)

pass rush, however. Only Michigan State had fewer sacks (10) than Northwestern (12) in the Big Ten last season.

SPECIAL TEAMS: The Wildcats have perhaps the best kicking tandem in the conference. Senior punter Paul Burton earned first-team All-Big Ten honors last year with a 43.0 average. Senior placekicker Sam Valenzisi enters the season 24 of 37 on field-goal attempts and 37 of 38 on PATs for his career.

"Special teams should be enhanced with the greater speed and more linebackers we have," Barnett said. "It was good last year, but we can step it up even more."

RECRUITING: Upon his hiring, Barnett vowed to step up recruiting efforts in the Chicago area. He has responded over three years by bringing in 20 of his 57 freshman from the Chicago area. His staff also brought in talent from 10 other states, including some much-needed team speed at running back and wide receiver and four 200-pound running backs. Although the Wildcats recruited only three players weighing over 260 pounds, Barnett places plenty of faith in strength coach Larry Lilja.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Dyche Stadium, Evanston, Ill. (55,000 artificial)
RETURNING STARTERS (14): Offense (4); Defense (8); Specialists (2).
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Matt O'Dwyer, OL (2nd-team All-Big Ten)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Steve Schnur, Sr., 61-117-899 yards, 4 TDs, 10 INTs
RUSHING: Darnell Autry, So., 120 carries, 556 yards, 1 TD
RECEIVING (catches): Darren Drexler, Sr., 13, 1 TD
RECEIVING (yards): Drexler, 225 yards
TACKLES: Danny Sutter, Sr., 120
SACKS: Matt Rice, Jr., 3
INTERCEPTIONS: William Bennett, Sr., 3
PUNTING: Paul Burton, Sr., 43.0 avg.
KICKING: Sam Valenzisi, Sr., 13-19 FGs, 21-21 PATs
SCORING: Valenzisi, 60 points

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . at Notre Dame
Sept. 16 . . . MIAMI (OH)
Sept. 23 . . . AIR FORCE
Sept. 30 . . . INDIANA
Oct. 7 . . . at Michigan
Oct. 14 . . . at Minnesota
Oct. 21 . . . WISCONSIN
Oct. 28 . . . at Illinois
Nov. 4 . . . PENN STATE
Nov. 11 . . . IOWA
Nov. 18 . . . at Purdue

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . NOTRE DAME; lost, 42-15
Sept. 10 . . . STANFORD; tie, 41-41
Sept. 17 . . . at Air Force; won, 14-10
Oct. 1 . . . OHIO STATE; lost, 17-15
Oct. 8 . . . WISCONSIN; lost, 46-14
Oct. 15 . . . at Minnesota; won, 37-31
Oct. 22 . . . at Indiana; won, 20-7
Oct. 29 . . . ILLINOIS; lost, 28-7
Nov. 5 . . . MICHIGAN ST.; lost, 35-17
Nov. 12 . . . at Iowa; lost, 49-13
Nov. 19 . . . at Penn State; lost, 45-17

MILESTONES

- Paul Burton's career punting average (41.5) puts him second on the KSU all-time list behind John Kidd (41.8).
- With 161 career tackles, a repeat of his 1994 numbers would place Danny Sutter 10th on the school's all-time list.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Filtering a starting quarterback from four candidates.
- ✓ Quick maturation of young offensive players after losing standout RB Dennis Lundy to graduation.
- ✓ Stronger performance by defense, which boasts eight returning starters.

BIG EIGHT



Nebraska's Lawrence Phillips may be the next Big Eight running back to take home the Heisman, following in the footsteps of Colorado's Rashaan Salaam.

PROJECTED ORDER OF FINISH

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Nebraska | 5. Kansas |
| 2. Oklahoma | 6. Oklahoma St. |
| 3. Colorado | 7. Missouri |
| 4. Kansas State | 8. Iowa State |

All-Big Eight Offense

POSITION/PLAYER	YR.	HT./WT.	COLLEGE
QB Tommie Frazier	Sr.	6-2/205	Nebraska
RB Lawrence Phillips	Jr.	6-0/200	Nebraska
RB Jerald Moore	Jr.	5-10/226	Oklahoma
WR Tyson Schwieger	Sr.	5-10/175	Kansas State
WR Kevin Lockett	Jr.	6-0/185	Kansas State
TE Jim Moore	Jr.	6-3/245	Kansas
OL Chris Naeole	Jr.	6-4/290	Colorado
OL Heath Irwin	Sr.	6-5/285	Colorado
OL J.R. Conrad	Sr.	6-5/309	Oklahoma
OL Aaron Graham	Sr.	6-3/280	Nebraska
C Bryan Stoltzberg	Sr.	6-2/265	Colorado

All-Big Eight Defense

POSITION/PLAYER	YR.	HT./WT.	COLLEGE
DL Tim Colston	Sr.	6-1/265	Kansas State
DL Cedric Jones	Sr.	6-4/267	Oklahoma
DL Kerry Hicks	Sr.	6-6/260	Colorado
DL Nyle Wiren	Jr.	6-1/240	Kansas State
LB Percell Gaskins	Sr.	6-1/215	Kansas State
LB Matt Russell	Jr.	6-2/235	Colorado
LB Mario Freeman	Sr.	5-10/223	Oklahoma
DB Joe Gordon	Jr.	5-9/175	Kansas State
DB Chuck Marlowe	Sr.	6-1/185	Kansas State
DB Darrius Johnson	Sr.	5-9/170	Oklahoma
DB Tyrone Williams	Sr.	6-0/185	Nebraska

All-Big Eight Special Teams

POSITION/PLAYER	YR.	HT./WT.	COLLEGE
PK Jeff McCord	So.	5-9/215	Kansas
P Greg Ivy	Sr.	6-0/190	Oklahoma State
RS Ashaundai Smith	Sr.	5-6/155	Kansas

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Lawrence Phillips, Nebraska

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Cedric Jones, Oklahoma

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Ahman Green, RB, Nebraska

NEBRASKA

CORNHUSKERS

COACH: TOM OSBORNE, 23RD YEAR, 218-47-3
 '94 RECORD: 13-0 (7-0 CONF.)
 FINAL RANKINGS: NO. 1 AP AND
 USA TODAY/CNN

By TOM SHATEL

Can Nebraska repeat? Does Tom Osborne hate press conferences?

We haven't had a repeat national champion in college football since Alabama in 1978-'79, but the 'Huskers will have a shot. Their schedule is tougher than last year but not exactly an obstacle course: at Michigan State, followed by home games against Arizona State, Pacific and Washington State.

They return two veteran quarterbacks three I-backs with experience, and are solid in the defensive line and secondary.

But the biggest questions for Nebraska in 1995 are what to make of coaching changes at Colorado and Oklahoma and how the 'Huskers will handle success. Both CU and OU are switching to new defenses (4-3) and that is no quick task. Meanwhile, it remains to be seen if Nebraska will be as hungry. Of course, Osborne teams, much like the man, have never been known to have mood swings.

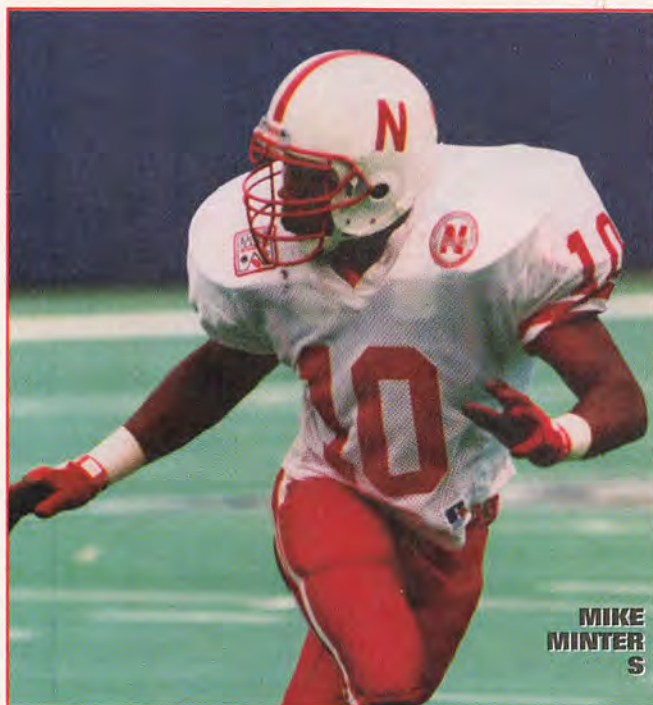
OFFENSE: Tommie Frazier or Brook Berringer? That's the first question you come to when the topic is Nebraska's offense. Both senior quarterbacks played well in the Orange Bowl — Berringer keeping Nebraska in the game and Frazier bouncing off the bench with fresh legs to be the hero. Osborne says he will name a starter the week before the Sept. 9 opener at Michigan State but hints he rates Frazier an edge over Berringer because he runs NU's option attack more efficiently.

Even with only center Aaron Graham returning in the offensive line, I-back Lawrence Phillips hopes to better last season's 1,722 yards and 6.0-per-carry average simply because opponents won't be able to key on just him. Tackles Chris Dishman and Eric Anderson and guards Steve Ott and Aaron Taylor all played last year, so Nebraska expects to be good again on the line.

DEFENSE: The 'Huskers lose six starters on defense, but are solid up front with brothers Christian and Jason Peter and Larry Townsend. And they're experienced in the secondary, with senior free safety Tony Veland and right cornerback Tyrone Williams returning.

What they will need to replace are playmakers. Gone are linebackers Ed Stewart and Troy Dumas, rushends Dwight Harris and Donta Jones, strong safety Kareem Moss and cornerback Barron Miles. But back are junior Jared Tomich and sophomore Grant Wistrom at rushends, where they served back-up duty last year, and junior safety Mike Minter, who was the starter a year ago until a season-ending ACL injury in his left knee.

SPECIAL TEAMS: There's five seconds left. Florida State leads



PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Tommie Frazier (Sr., 6-2, 205)*	Brook Berringer (Sr., 6-4, 210)*
RB: Lawrence Phillips (Jr., 6-0, 200)*	Damon Benning (Jr., 5-11, 205)
RB: Jeff Makovicka (Sr., 5-10, 210)	Brian Schuster (Jr., 5-11, 210)
RB: Clester Johnson (Sr., 5-11, 210)	Jon Vedral (Jr., 5-11, 195)
WR: Reggie Baul (Sr., 5-8, 170)*	Brendan Holbein (Jr., 5-8, 180)
TE: Mark Gilman (Sr., 6-3, 240)	Tim Carpenter (So., 6-2, 225)
LE: Chris Dishman (Jr., 6-3, 305)	Kory Mikos (Jr., 6-5, 260)
LG: Aaron Taylor (So., 6-1, 290)	Steve Volin (Sr., 6-2, 275)
C: Aaron Graham (Sr., 6-4, 280)*	Matt Vrzal (Jr., 6-1, 290)
RG: Steve Ott (Sr., 6-4, 275)	Jon Zatechka (So., 6-2, 280)
RE: Eric Anderson (So., 6-4, 290)	Adam Treu (Jr., 6-6, 290)

DEFENSE

DE: Jared Tomich (Jr., 6-2, 250)	Luther Hardin (Sr., 6-2, 230)
DE: Christian Peter (Sr., 6-2, 285)*	Scott Saltsman (Jr., 6-2, 255)
DE: Jason Peter (So., 6-4, 275)	Larry Townsend (So., 6-5, 285)
DE: Grant Wistrom (So., 6-5, 230)	Mike Rucker (Fr., 6-6, 225)
LB: Larry Arnold (Jr., 6-4, 220)	Sean Noster (So., 6-3, 215)
LB: Phil Ellis (Sr., 6-2, 225)*	Doug Colman (Sr., 6-3, 240)
LB: Ryan Terwilliger (Jr., 6-5, 220)	Aaron Penland (Sr., 6-1, 215)
CB: Leslie Dennis (So., 5-8, 165)	Michael Booker (Jr., 6-2, 200)
CB: Tyrone Williams (Sr., 6-0, 185)*	Darren Schmadeke (Sr., 5-8, 180)
SS: Mike Minter (Jr., 5-10, 175)	Octavius McFarlin (So., 6-0, 180)
FS: Tony Veland (Sr., 6-2, 200)*	Eric Stokes (Jr., 5-11, 175)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Darin Erstad (Jr., 6-2, 195)	Ted Retzlaff (Fr., 5-11, 180)
P: Darin Erstad (Jr., 6-2, 195)*	Jesse Kosch (So., 6-0, 180)

(* denotes returning starter)

Nebraska 21-20 in the Fiesta Bowl. Nebraska's field-goal attempt is up and . . . That's the biggest question on a team with few.

The 'Huskers have no reliable kickers or punters back. Of course, Osborne's problem could be solved if the baseball team that drafts Darin Erstad loves Nebraska football. Don't count on it. Erstad, the Cornhuskers' top punter (41.2 net average last year, second in the country) and long-distance field-goal kicker, will be one of the top picks in the pro baseball draft in June.

That leaves kicker Ted Retzlaff and punter Jesse Kosch, neither of whom had any attempts last sea-

son. Nebraska signed two kickers — punter Andy Bilanzich and kicker Kris Brown — who could be factors.

RECRUITING: Nebraska's class was highly regarded. Osborne got seven in-state players, ranging from linebacker Chad Kelsey, the first scholarship player to come out of tiny Auburn, Neb., to running back Ahman Green, a *Parade* and *USA Today* All America from Omaha Central. Another standout signee is Tony Ortiz, a *Parade* All America linebacker from Connecticut.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Memorial Stadium, Lincoln, Neb. (73,650, artificial)

RETURNING STARTERS (9): Offense (4); Defense (4); Specialist (1)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Zach Wiegart, OL (1st-team All-Big Eight); Brenden Stai, OL (1st-team All-Big Eight); Ed Stewart, ILB (1st-team All-Big Eight); Donta Jones, OLB (1st-team All-Big Eight); Troy Dumas, OLB (1st-team All-Big Eight); Barron Miles, DB (1st-team All-Big Eight); Rob Zatechka, OL (2nd-team All-Big Eight); Terry Connealy, DL (2nd-team All-Big Eight)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Tommie Frazier, Sr., 19-44-273 yards, 4 TDs, 2 INTs; Brook Berringer, Sr., 94-151-1,295 yards, 10 TDs, 5 INTs

RUSHING: Lawrence Phillips, Jr., 286 carries, 1,722 yards, 16 TDs

RECEIVING (catches): Phillips, 22
RECEIVING (yards): Reggie Baul, Sr., 300

TACKLES: Christian Peter, Sr., 71

SACKS: C. Peter, 7

INTERCEPTIONS: Tony Veland, Sr. and Tyrone Williams, Sr., 3 each

PUNTING: Darin Erstad, Jr., 42.6 avg.

KICKING: Erstad, 3-8 FGs (long 48), 10-10 PATs

SCORING: Phillips, 96 points (16 TDs)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 9	.at Michigan State
Sept. 16	.ARIZONA STATE
Sept. 23	.PACIFIC
Sept. 30	.WASHINGTON STATE
Oct. 7	.at Oklahoma State
Oct. 14	.MISSOURI
Oct. 21	.KANSAS STATE
Oct. 28	.at Colorado
Nov. 4	.IOWA STATE
Nov. 11	.at Kansas
Nov. 18	.OKLAHOMA

1994 RESULTS

Aug. 28	.vs. West Virginia in Kick-off Classic; won, 31-0
Sept. 8	.at Texas Tech; won, 42-16
Sept. 17	.UCLA; won, 49-21
Sept. 24	.PACIFIC; won, 70-21
Oct. 1	.WYOMING; won, 42-32
Oct. 8	.OKLAHOMA ST.; won, 32-3
Oct. 15	.at Kansas St.; won, 17-6
Oct. 22	.at Missouri; won, 42-7
Oct. 29	.COLORADO; won, 24-7
Nov. 5	.KANSAS; won, 45-17
Nov. 12	.at Iowa St.; won, 28-12
Nov. 25	.at Oklahoma; won, 13-3
Jan. 2	.vs. Miami in Orange Bowl; won, 24-17

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Develop a passing game to complement their running game.
- ✓ Defense needs to be as dominating as last season.
- ✓ Replace three NFL draft picks on offensive line.

By STEVE RICHARDSON

A new era in Oklahoma football begins in 1995 with the arrival of Howard Schnellenberger as coach. The much-beleaguered Gary Gibbs, who never won a Big Eight title and finished fourth in the league last season, exits after six uneventful seasons.

Schnellenberger, 61, is expected to infuse new life into the OU program, which had seen attendance and interest dwindle under Gibbs. Schnellenberger has built lowly programs at both Miami (Fla.) and Louisville into powers. Despite such successes, however, he still admitted to a personal adjustment period as the new Sooners' coach.

"I am not used to coming into a program that has already achieved national championship status, not just once, but six times," Schnellenberger said. "I am not used to having the raw materials, the young men, the facilities and all of those things necessary to take this great program, back to its natural level — competing for the national championship."

Schnellenberger hopes his OU team can eventually duplicate what his 1983 Miami (Fla.) team did: Win the national championship. With 17 returning starters, Oklahoma could make Schnellenberger a big winner his first season.

OFFENSE: Schnellenberger will revamp the Sooners offense from a sprint-out passing and power-running team to a pro-style offense. The question is whether senior quarterback Garrick McGee, who suffered through an erratic 1994 season, his first on the major-college level, can grasp the offense. If not, the Sooners might rely on either highly touted freshman Chris Redman or sophomore Eric Moore. Moore was so impressive in Oklahoma's first two spring scrimmages (27 of 43, 289 yards, three TDs) that he may get the starting nod.

The Sooners have the receivers for the offense with senior P.J. Mills (29 receptions, 432 yards) and senior JaJuan Penny (six receptions, 140 yards), the latter of whom missed the final four games last season with a broken jaw. Junior tight end Michael McDaniel has also shown potential with 11 receptions for 167 yards last season.

The offensive line returns five starters, but there could be some shuffling with other players. The running backs — Jerald Moore (659 yards), James Allen (543 yards) and Jeff Frazier (370 yards) — are all good receivers and will help keep defenses off-balance with a solid ground attack. Fullback Dwayne Chandler is effective in goal-line situations.

DEFENSE: The strength of the OU defense should be the secondary, where cornerbacks Darrius Johnson and Larry Bush return. They com-



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DB

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Garrick McGee (Sr., 6-4, 197)*	Eric Moore (So., 6-2, 170)
TB: James Allen (Jr., 6-1, 214)*	Jerald Moore (Jr., 5-10, 226)
FB: Dwayne Chandler (Sr., 6-0, 229)*	Terry Collier (Sr., 6-0, 214)
WR: JaJuan Penny (Sr., 5-11, 190)	Michael Thompson (Sr., 6-0, 192)
WR: P.J. Mills (Sr., 5-11, 188)*	Terence Brown (Jr., 6-0, 190)
TE: Stephen Alexander (So., 6-5, 224)*	Jason Harman (Jr., 6-4, 242)
LF: Harry Stamps (Sr., 6-5, 304)*	Barry Giles (So., 6-7, 280)
LG: Joe Carollo (Sr., 6-3, 289)	Jon Mulac (So., 6-4, 276)
C: Chuck Langston (Sr., 6-1, 265)*	Bruce McClure (So., 6-5, 265)
RG: Milton Overton (Sr., 6-0, 266)	Jason Comer (Sr., 6-3, 286)
RE: J.R. Conrad (Sr., 6-5, 309)*	Chris Campbell (Jr., 6-2, 311)

DEFENSE

DE: Paul Oatts (Jr., 6-3, 238)	Robert Allen (Sr., 6-2, 257)
LE: Fred Lewis (Sr., 6-2, 268)*	Martin Chase (So., 6-3, 285)
RE: Arthur Atkins (Sr., 6-4, 272)	Barron Tanner (Jr., 6-5, 289)
DE: Cedric Jones (Sr., 6-4, 267)*	Marc Manuel (Jr., 6-5, 273)
LB: Brent DeQuasie (Sr., 6-3, 237)*	Collin Rosenberg (Jr., 6-4, 233)
LB: Mario Freeman (Sr., 5-10, 223)*	Tyrell Peters (Jr., 6-1, 218)
LB: Broderick Simpson (Jr., 6-0, 209)*	Travian Smith (So., 6-4, 221)
CB: Darrius Johnson (Sr., 5-9, 170)*	Tim Denton (Sr., 6-0, 175)
CB: Larry Bush (Sr., 5-10, 185)*	Wendell Davis (Sr., 5-11, 181)
SS: Rod Henderson (Jr., 6-2, 198)*	Perry Collier (Sr., 6-0, 195)
FS: Maylon Wesley (Sr., 5-10, 178)*	Anthony Fogle (Jr., 6-1, 193)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Jeremy Alexander (So., 5-11, 175)	Jeremy Hernandez (Fr., 5-10, 170)
P: Tim Daughtry (So., 6-1, 216)	Jeremy Alexander (So., 5-11, 175)

(* denotes returning starter)

bined for seven interceptions last season as OU ranked 25th in the country in pass-efficiency defense.

The Sooners' top defensive player is senior end Cedric Jones, who led the Big Eight Conference in sacks with 14 a year ago. Another top prospect is junior Paul Oatts, who didn't play last season because of a knee injury suffered in the spring of 1994. Schnellenberger will change from a 5-2 alignment to a more attacking 4-3. Three returning starters at linebacker fuel the change: senior Mario Freeman (70 tackles), junior Broderick Simpson (62) and senior Brent DeQuasie (51).

SPECIAL TEAMS: Oklahoma

ranked only 92nd in the country last season in net punting. Two sophomores, punter Tim Daughtry and kicker Jeremy Alexander will take over for graduated All-Big Eight kicker/punter Scott Blanton.

RECRUITING: The signing of Redman was a major coup. Other top recruits were Marquis Gibson, a first-team all-state linebacker from Florida; running back Bennie Butler, from Del City, Okla.; defensive lineman Kelly Gregg of Edmond, Okla.; and quarterback Justin Fuente of Tulsa.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Memorial Stadium, Norman, Okla. (75,004, grass)

RETURNING STARTERS (17): Offense (8), Defense (9)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Scott Blanton, PK (1st-team All-Big Eight); Albert Hall, WR (Hon. Mention All-Big Eight).

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Garrick McGee, Sr., 149-284-1,909 yards, 8 TDs, 13 INTs

RUSHING: Jerald Moore, Jr., 129 carries, 659 yards, 10 TDs

RECEIVING (catches): P.J. Mills, Sr., 29, 2 TDs

RECEIVING (yards): Mills, 432

TACKLES: Tyrell Peters, Jr., 101

SACKS: Cedric Jones, Sr., 14

INTERCEPTIONS: Darrius Johnson, Sr., 4

PUNTING: Tim Daughtry, So., 38.1 avg.

KICKING: none

SCORING: Moore, 66 points (11 TDs)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 9	.NORTH TEXAS
Sept. 16	.SOUTHERN METHODIST
Sept. 23	.SAN DIEGO STATE
Sept. 30	.COLORADO
Oct. 7	.at Iowa State
Oct. 14	.vs. Texas *
Oct. 21	.KANSAS
Oct. 28	.at Missouri
Nov. 4	.at Kansas State
Nov. 11	.OKLAHOMA STATE
Nov. 18	.at Nebraska
	* at Dallas, Texas

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3	.at Syracuse; won, 30-29
Sept. 10	.at Texas A&M; lost, 36-14
Sept. 17	.TEXAS TECH; won, 17-11
Oct. 1	.IOWA STATE; won, 34-6
Oct. 8	.Texas; lost, 17-10 *
Oct. 15	.at Colorado; lost, 45-7
Oct. 22	.at Kansas; won, 20-17
Oct. 29	.KANSAS ST.; lost, 37-20
Nov. 5	.MISSOURI; won, 30-13
Nov. 12	.at Oklahoma St.; won, 33-14
Nov. 25	.NEBRASKA; lost, 13-3
	* at Dallas, Texas

MILESTONES

■ Oklahoma ranked 12th nationally in total defense, allowing 295.7 yards per game.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Adjusting to a new coach who knows how to win and will want to win immediately.
- ✓ Changing from an option sprint-out passing game and power-running game to a pro-style passing attack.
- ✓ Must be 3-0 by the time they host Colorado in the team's first real test of the season.

COLORADO

BUFFALOES

COACH: RICK NEUHEISEL, 1ST YEAR
'94 RECORD: 11-1 (6-1 IN CONF.)
FINAL RANKINGS: NO. 3 AP AND USA TODAY/CNN

By CRAIG ELLENPORT

Colorado embarks on a new season without a running back who won the 1994 Heisman Trophy, a quarterback who holds most of the school's career passing records and the head coach who built this program into a national powerhouse. With the loss of those three guys — Rashaan Salaam, Kordell Stewart and Bill McCartney, respectively — it doesn't seem so bad that Thorpe Award winner Chris Hudson, Butkus Award finalist Ted Johnson and all-league receiver Michael Westbrook—the fourth pick in the NFL draft—are gone, too.

Most schools would fade into oblivion with so many huge holes to fill. But, as a testament to the foundation that McCartney put in place in Boulder, the Buffaloes are still rock solid. And while the hiring of offensive wunderkind Rick Neuheisel led black activists to cry racism and popular defensive line coach Bob Simmons (the black assistant whom McCartney recommended to succeed him) to leave town, there is still enough talent here for Colorado to remain a Top 10 contender.

OFFENSE: Five years after his brother Ty won the Heisman, Koy Detmer finally gets his chance to shine. Detmer's not nearly as mobile as Kordell Stewart, but he's comfortable in Colorado's wide-open passing attack.

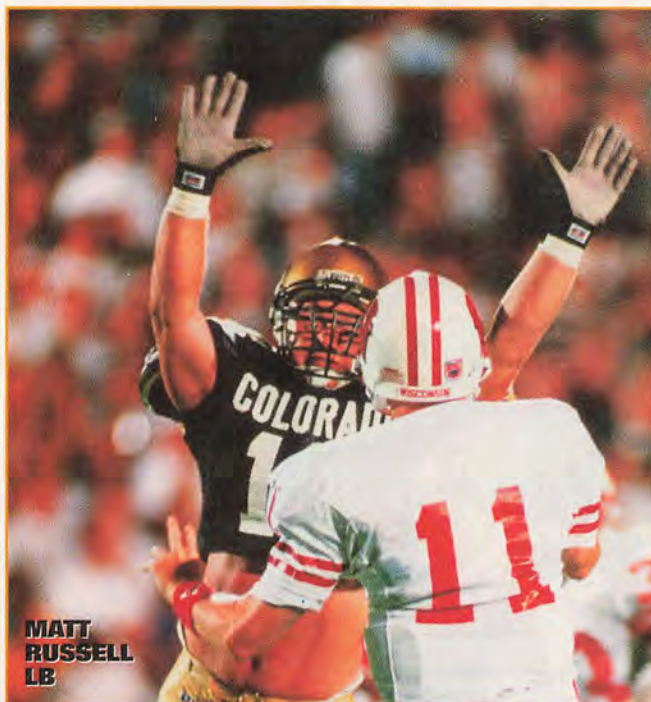
"There isn't any question [that he's ready to step in]," Neuheisel said. "He's served his apprenticeship well, and I think he'll be a fantastic, fantastic player."

The offense remains a team strength. Receivers Phil Savoy and Rae Carruth both averaged more than 28 yards per catch last year. Tailback Herchell Troutman, who backed up Salaam as a true freshman last year, showed a nose for the end zone (eight rushing TDs on just 49 carries). Young backs Lendon Henry and Marlon Barnes are former big-time recruits.

The interior of the line is a strength, with the tackle spots being Colorado's only real question mark on offense. Center Bryan Stoltenberg and guard Heath Irwin are all-conference material, but the key might be tackle Clint Moore, a 6-foot-3, 280-pounder who switched from the defensive line last season.

DEFENSE: Colorado's secondary was a weakness last year even with Hudson, one of best cornerbacks in the nation. Not only is Hudson gone, but cornerback Dalton Simmons blew out his knee in the Fiesta Bowl and will redshirt in '95. Safeties Steve Rosga and Donnell Leomiti are good, but they'll need help. Redshirt freshman Robert Portis is a player the Buffs hope will become a big-timer.

The secondary's best friend may be Greg Jones, who had 6.5 sacks last year and could be a terror as a linebacker/defensive end in the



PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Koy Detmer (Jr., 6-1, 170)	John Hessler (So., 6-2, 190)
TB: Herchell Troutman (So., 5-7, 185)	Lendon Henry (So., 6-0, 195)
TE: Tennyson McCarty (So., 6-3, 240)	Desmond Dennis (Jr., 6-3, 255)
WR: Rae Carruth (Jr., 6-0, 180)*	James Kidd (Jr., 5-8, 160)
WR: Phil Savoy (So., 6-2, 190)	James Davis (Fr., 6-0, 175)
TE: Matt Lepsis (Jr., 6-5, 250)*	Jeff Blackmon (So., 6-4, 240)
IE: Aaron Wade (So., 6-6, 285)	Clint Moore (Sr., 6-3, 280)
LB: Heath Irwin (Sr., 6-5, 280)*	Kyle Smith (Jr., 6-5, 270)
C: Bryan Stoltenberg (Sr., 6-2, 265)*	Andrew Welsh (So., 6-6, 260)
RG: Chris Naeole (Jr., 6-4, 280)*	Ben Nichols (So., 6-6, 270)
RT: Melvin Thomas (So., 6-3, 285)	Nick Ziegler (Fr., 6-6, 240)

DEFENSE

IE: Daryl Price (Sr., 6-4, 235)	Pat Corcoran (Jr., 6-3, 265)
NE: Kerry Hicks (Sr., 6-6, 260)*	Ryan Olson (So., 6-2, 260)
RE: Stacy Patterson (So., 6-1, 255)	Aaron Marshall (Fr., 6-3, 225)
LB: Greg Jones (Jr., 6-4, 230)*	Mike Forney (So., 6-4, 220)
LB: Mike Phillips (So., 6-3, 210)*	Terrell Cade (Fr., 6-3, 215)
LB: Matt Russell (Jr., 6-2, 235)*	Allen Wilbon (Jr., 6-0, 230)
LB: Ron Merckerson (So., 6-3, 235)	Jeff Nabholz (Jr., 6-5, 240)
CB: Deren Tadlock (Jr., 6-0, 190)	Robert Portis (Fr., 5-7, 155)
CB: Dalton Simmons (Sr., 6-0, 180)*	Elton Davis (So., 5-9, 185)
SS: Donnell Leomiti (Sr., 6-0, 205)*	Ryan Black (So., 5-10, 190)
FS: Steve Rosga (Jr., 6-1, 205)*	T.J. Cunningham (Sr., 6-0, 190)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Neil Voskeritchian (Sr., 5-9, 165)*	Mike Slevin (So., 6-2, 195)
P: Andy Mitchell (So., 6-2, 195)*	John Hessler (So., 6-2, 190)

(* denotes returning starter)

team's new 4-3 scheme. With Jones on the outside and Kerry Hicks inside, the line is solid. So is line-backer, despite the loss of Johnson, thanks to the return of backers Matt Russell and Mike Phillips.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Senior Neil Voskeritchian made 10 of 17 field goal tries last season and was a perfect 8-for-8 inside 40 yards. Punter Andy Mitchell's 38-yard average was just that—average. But don't forget that he was the first freshman punter ever to start for Colorado, and he should get better. The speedy duo of Carruth and James Kidd will handle the return chores.

RECRUITING: McCartney said

he timed his resignation so that Colorado could get a new coach in place for the height of recruiting season. Whether or not that was his intention, it worked out that well; the Buffs have a great class.

Of Colorado's 21 recruits, 19 made at least one high school All-America team. True to McCartney's legacy, the Buffs plucked 10 plums from California. Neuheisel would like to redshirt most of these kids, but J'Juan Cherry and Tavon Cooper could provide immediate help to a thin secondary.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Folsom Field, Boulder, Colo. (51,748, artificial)
RETURNING STARTERS: (14); Offense (5), Defense (7); Specialists (2)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Rashaan Salaam, RB (1st-team All America); Chris Hudson, DB (1st-team All America); Kordell Stewart, QB (2nd-team All America); Ted Johnson, ILB (2nd-team All America); Christian Fauria, TE (3rd-team All America); Tony Berti, OL (3rd-team All America); Michael Westbrook, WR (1st-team All-Big Eight).

LEADING RETURNEES STATISTICS

PASSING: Koy Detmer, Jr., 10-19-171 yards, 2 TDs, 1 INT
RUSHING: Herchell Troutman, So., 49-244 yards, 8 TDs
RECEIVING (catches): Phil Savoy, So., 17, 1 TD
RECEIVING (yards): Savoy, 283 yards
TACKLES: Matt Russell, Jr., 105
SACKS: Greg Jones, Jr., 6.5
INTERCEPTIONS: Steve Rosga, Jr., 4
PUNTING: Andy Mitchell, So., 38.3 avg.
KICKING: Neil Voskeritchian, Sr., 10-17 FGs (long 48), 50-51 PATs
SCORING: Voskeritchian, 80 points

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . COLORADO STATE
Sept. 9 . . . at Wisconsin
Sept. 16 . . . NE LOUISIANA
Sept. 23 . . . TEXAS A&M
Sept. 30 . . . at Oklahoma
Oct. 7 . . . KANSAS
Oct. 21 . . . at Iowa State
Oct. 28 . . . NEBRASKA
Nov. 4 . . . at Oklahoma State
Nov. 11 . . . MISSOURI
Nov. 18 . . . at Kansas State

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . NE LOUISIANA; won, 48-13
Sept. 17 . . . WISCONSIN; won, 55-17
Sept. 24 . . . at Michigan; won, 27-26
Oct. 1 . . . at Texas; won, 34-31
Oct. 8 . . . at Missouri; won, 38-23
Oct. 15 . . . OKLAHOMA; won, 45-7
Oct. 22 . . . KANSAS ST.; won, 35-21
Oct. 29 . . . at Nebraska; lost, 24-7
Nov. 5 . . . OKLAHOMA ST.; won, 17-3
Nov. 12 . . . at Kansas; won, 51-26
Nov. 19 . . . IOWA ST.; won, 41-20
Jan. 2 . . . vs. Notre Dame, Fiesta Bowl; won, 41-24

MILESTONE

Colorado has been nationally ranked for the past 100 weeks, including the past 17 straight in the Top 10.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Smooth transition of new coaching regime.
- ✓ Koy Detmer performing as expected at quarterback.
- ✓ Finding a pair of reliable starting cornerbacks.

KANSAS STATE

WILDCATS

COACH: BILL SNYDER, 7TH YEAR, 36-31-1
'94 RECORD: 9-3 (5-2 CONF)
FINAL RANKING: NO. 19 AP, NO. 16
USA TODAY/CNN

By TOM PERRIN

It used to be that picking Kansas State seventh or eighth in the Big Eight was as safe as choosing Nebraska for first or second.

Not anymore.

After three winning seasons in the last four years and bowl games the last two years, the Wildcats have made believers of even the most skeptical fans. With 18 starters returning from a 9-3 team, the pollsters can't dismiss K-State. Anything less than an upper-division Big Eight finish and bowl appearance will be a disappointment for the Wildcats and coach Bill Snyder.

"We've been picked down there every year since I've been here. That's consistent with history," said Snyder, who turned around the losingest program in Division I history. "That's for you guys [in the media] to decide. I think we've worked our way out of that position."

K-State could have tied a school record for victories in a season by beating Boston College in the Aloha Bowl. However, a 12-7 loss to the Eagles put a disappointing end to an otherwise strong season. The Wildcats were competitive with both Nebraska and Colorado deep into the fourth quarter and beat Oklahoma for the second year in a row.

But, Snyder cautions, "You can take giant steps in either direction on any given day."

It's highly unlikely such a drop will occur on defense, where K-State returns four first-team All-Big Eight players. On offense, K-State returns three top wide receivers, but loses star quarterback Chad May, 1,000-yard rusher J.J. Smith, and offensive coordinator Del Miller, now the head coach at Southwest Missouri State.

OFFENSE: Two years ago, May was an unknown transfer from Cal State-Fullerton. He went on to become an All-Big Eight pick and a draft pick of the Minnesota Vikings. Snyder is hoping for similar development from Cody Lee Smith, a strong-armed junior college transfer who threw for 4,700 yards and 38 touchdowns in two years at the JUCO level. Smith will have to beat out Matt Miller, the backup the last two years who is a strong runner but an unproven passer.

Whoever starts will throw to a talented corps of receivers that includes returning starters Kevin Lockett, Tyson Schwieger and Mitch Running. Schwieger was first-team All-Big Eight, Lockett second-team and Running honorable mention.

The offensive line appears solid, especially if starting guard Ross Greenwood (torn ACL) and center Jason Johnson (broken wrist) come back healthy. Eric Janeau, a second-team JUCO All America last fall, and Chris Oltmanns are set at the tackles, with senior Scott Heun and freshman future star Ryan Young



PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Matt Miller (Sr., 6-1, 205)	Brian Kavanagh (Jr., 6-3, 215)
RB: Eric Hickson (So., 5-10, 185)	Mike Lawrence (So., 5-10, 185)
WR: Tyson Schwieger (Sr., 5-10, 175)*	Jimmy Dean (Jr., 5-10, 190)
WR: Kevin Lockett (Jr., 6-0, 175)*	Tony Roberts (Sr., 5-9, 175)
WR: Mitch Running (Sr., 6-0, 185)*	Andre Anderson (So., 5-10, 185)
TE: Brian Lofka (Sr., 6-6, 260)*	Bobby Latiolais (Jr., 6-5, 265)
LE: Chris Oltmanns (Jr., 6-6, 305)*	Jeremy Martin (Fr., 6-3, 300)
LG: Ross Greenwood (Jr., 6-3, 300)*	Brian O'Neil (Jr., 6-3, 275)
C: Jason Johnson (Jr., 6-2, 270)*	Toosavili Ulutu (Jr., 6-1, 280)
RG: Kendal Jacox (So., 6-2, 285)*	Brock Stefan (Jr., 6-4, 290)
RT: Eric Janeau (Jr., 6-4, 303)	Scott Heun (Sr., 6-4, 295)

DEFENSE

DE: Nyle Wren (Jr., 6-1, 240)*	Matt McEwen (Sr., 6-2, 235)
DE: Tim Colston (Sr., 6-1, 275)*	Richard Bush (Sr., 6-4, 255)
DE: Ray Eagle (Sr., 6-4, 290)*	Jeff Greene (Sr., 6-1, 295)
DE: Dirk Ochs (Sr., 6-4, 240)*	David Hassett (Fr., 6-4, 225)
LB: Travis Ochs (Fr., 6-3, 225)	Darren Holmes (Jr., 6-0, 225)
LB: DeShawn Fogle (Jr., 6-2, 235)	Casey Wehrman (So., 6-1, 200)
LB: Percell Gaskins (Sr., 6-1, 215)*	Tad Melichar (Sr., 6-2, 215)
CB: Chris Canty (So., 5-10, 190)*	Derek King (Fr., 5-10, 190)
CB: Joe Gordon (Jr., 5-9, 175)*	Gordon Brown (Sr., 5-10, 170)
SS: Chuck Marlowe (Sr., 6-1, 190)*	Steve Hanks (Sr., 6-0, 205)
FS: Mario Smith (Jr., 6-0, 185)*	David Conley (Fr., 6-2, 200)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Martin Gramatica (So., 5-9, 160)*	Scott Collins (So., 5-8, 180)
P: Chad Romano (Jr., 6-1, 195)	Aaron Hamor (Fr., 5-10, 195)

(* denotes returning starter)

also in the mix.

DEFENSE: K-State allowed just 14.2 points a game last year, eighth best in the nation, and the Wildcats return Tim Colston, a third team All-America defensive tackle as a junior. Also back is junior defensive end Nyle Wren, who had seven sacks. The biggest concern on defense will be replacing linebackers Laird Veatch and Kirby Hocutt, both two-year starters. The top returnee is second-team All-Big Eight pick Percell Gaskins. The secondary returns intact, led by first-team All-Big Eight picks Joe Gordon and Chuck Marlowe, and Chris Canty, the league's Defensive

Newcomer of the Year.

SPECIAL TEAMS: K-State was dead last in the Big Eight in net punting. Chad Romano returns to compete for the job with freshman James Garcia. Placekicker Martin Gramatica lacked range as a freshman but should be better this year.

RECRUITING: Snyder redshirted his entire freshman class a year ago, a sign of the program's improving depth. This year's class appears to be even more talented. The Wildcats out-recruited rival Kansas in-state for the first time in several years.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: KSU Stadium, Manhattan, Kan. (42,000, artificial)
RETURNING STARTERS (18): Offense (8); Defense (9); Specialists (1)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Chad May, QB (1st-team All-Big Eight); J.J. Smith, RB (2nd-team All-Big Eight); Jim Hmielewski, OL (2nd-team All-Big Eight)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Matt Miller, Sr., 4-12-37 yards
RUSHING: Mike Lawrence, So., 12 carries, 79 yards
RECEIVING (catches): Tyson Schwieger, Sr., 44, 7 TDs
RECEIVING (yards): Kevin Lockett, Jr., 583
TACKLES: Chuck Marlowe, Sr., 96
SACKS: Tim Colston, Sr., 8
INTERCEPTIONS: (tie) Clyde Johnson, Jr., and Mario Smith, Jr., 3
PUNTING: Chad Romano, Jr., 34.3 avg.
KICKING: Martin Gramatica, So., 6-9 (long 40), 38-38 PATs
SCORING: Gramatica, 56 points

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . at Temple
Sept. 9 . . . at Cincinnati
Sept. 23 . . . AKRON
Sept. 30 . . . NORTHERN ILLINOIS
Oct. 7 . . . MISSOURI
Oct. 14 . . . at Oklahoma State
Oct. 21 . . . at Nebraska
Oct. 28 . . . KANSAS
Nov. 4 . . . OKLAHOMA
Nov. 11 . . . at Iowa State
Nov. 18 . . . COLORADO

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . S.W. LOUISIANA; won, 34-6
Sept. 17 . . . RICE; won, 27-18
Sept. 24 . . . MINNESOTA; won, 35-0
Oct. 6 . . . at Kansas; won, 21-13
Oct. 15 . . . NEBRASKA; lost, 17-6
Oct. 22 . . . at Colorado; lost, 35-21
Oct. 29 . . . at Oklahoma; won, 37-20
Nov. 5 . . . IOWA STATE; won, 38-20
Nov. 12 . . . at Missouri; won, 21-18
Nov. 19 . . . OKLAHOMA ST.; won, 23-6
Nov. 26 . . . at UNLV; won, 42-3
Dec. 25 . . . vs. Boston College in Aloha Bowl; lost, 12-7

MILESTONES

- K-State has already won more games in the 1990s (35) than it did in the '80s (22).
- K-State has won 10 or more games in a season just once, when they went 10-1 in 1910.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Find a capable quarterback to replace Chad May.
- ✓ Productivity from new offensive tackles.
- ✓ Improve the punting game.

By TOM PERRIN

Life could be worse for Glen Mason. He could be defending a football program that had a losing record last season. Instead, the eighth-year Kansas coach spent the offseason listening to criticism about the Jayhawks' third winning season in four years.

Expectations were high in Lawrence, where fans were expecting a bowl trip. Instead, KU (6-5) was home for the holidays. Making matters worse, the Jayhawks seem to be falling behind rival Kansas State, which has played in bowl games the last two seasons.

"When I first came here, apathy had set in. I always said we'd be headed in the right direction when people start complaining," Mason said. "We welcome that type of attitude."

Unquestionably, Mason has restored respectability to a program that was in shambles when he took over. However, an 8-4 season and Aloha Bowl victory in 1992 raised expectations that have not been met. Mason made big changes in his coaching staff in the offseason, one of which was the hiring of former Colorado assistant Mike Hankwitz as defensive coordinator. The non-conference schedule (Cincinnati, North Texas, Texas Christian and Houston) should provide real answers about the Jayhawks' strength.

OFFENSE: No team in the conference is deeper at tailback than Kansas, which has four capable players at the position. The challenge here will be finding a way to utilize the talents of L.T. Levine (803 yards, 11 touchdowns last year), June Henley (1,127 yards in '93), Mark Sanders and Eric Vann.

"I've always felt you need to utilize the talent you have, so we'll figure out a way," Mason said.

The Jayhawks, who averaged 247.1 rushing yards a game last year, are hoping to find a way to use two of the four in the backfield at the same time. At quarterback, KU loses two-year starter Asheiki Preston, but expects to upgrade the position this year. Mark Williams, Preston's backup last year, is a better passer and is also a decent runner. Sophomore Matt Johnner and JUCO transfer Ben Rutz will also contend for the starting position. Up front, the key will be replacing standout guards John Jones and Hessley Hempstead. Otherwise, KU is experienced.

DEFENSE: Hankwitz put some excellent defenses on the field at Colorado but may not have the talent to do this right away at Kansas. "If we're successful on defense, it won't be because of outstanding individuals," Mason said. "It will have to be as a unit."

The Jayhawks were often beaten physically across the front line last



L.T. LEVINE
RB

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Mark Williams (Sr., 6-1, 180)	Matt Johnner (So., 6-1, 200)
RB: L.T. Levine (Sr., 5-10, 210)*	Mark Sanders (Jr., 6-0, 215)
RB: June Henley (Jr., 5-11, 205)*	Julius Bruce (Fr., 5-9, 180)
WR: Andre Carter (Jr., 5-10, 160)	Derrick Irvin (So., 5-8, 175)
WR: Ashaundai Smith (Sr., 5-6, 160)*	Ryan Foy (Sr., 5-6, 155)
TE: Jim Moore (Jr., 6-3, 245)*	Hosea Friday (Jr., 6-2, 235)
CE: Rod Jones (Sr., 6-4, 300)*	Derrick Chandler (So., 6-7, 305)
LB: Chris Banks (Sr., 6-2, 285)	Ted Sawinco (Fr., 5-10, 250)
C: Jared Smith (Jr., 6-1, 260)*	Jim Stiebel (Sr., 6-2, 270)
RG: Rob Wise (Jr., 6-4, 295)	Eric Mathies (So., 6-2, 280)
RE: Scott Whitaker (Jr., 6-6, 290)*	Cleve Roberts (Fr., 6-6, 290)

DEFENSE

DE: Dewey Houston (So., 6-4, 245)	Troy Harper (Sr., 6-2, 280)
DE: Doug Weaver (Sr., 6-2, 295)	Mike Miano (Jr., 6-3, 300)
RE: Brett McGraw (So., 6-0, 275)	Dan Dercher (Fr., 6-6, 255)
LB: Keith Rodgers (Sr., 5-11, 205)*	J.J. Johnson (Fr., 6-2, 218)
LB: Lamar Sharpe (So., 6-4, 235)	Derek Fairchild (Sr., 6-1, 225)
LB: Jason Thoren (So., 6-2, 232)	Steve Bratten (Fr., 6-1, 215)
LB: Ronnie Ward (Sr., 6-0, 225)*	Dick Holt (Sr., 6-2, 238)
CB: Dorian Brew (Sr., 5-10, 175)*	Jamie Harris (Fr., 5-10, 175)
CB: Avery Randle (So., 6-0, 178)	Jason Harris (So., 5-10, 165)
SS: Maurice Gaddie (So., 5-9, 185)*	Charles Davis (So., 6-0, 190)
FS: Tony Blevins (Jr., 6-0, 170)*	Marlin Blakeney (Sr., 5-11, 200)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Jeff McCord (So., 5-9, 215)*	Phil Brodskin (Sr., 6-1, 200)
P: Barrin Simmons (Sr., 6-1, 205)*	Jeff McCord (So., 5-9, 215)

(* denotes returning starter)

year. KU gave up 51 points to Colorado and 45 to Nebraska. Kansas State ran up 432 yards in total offense against the Jayhawks. KU's top two returnees, cornerback Tony Blevins and linebacker Ronnie Ward, both missed spring practice rehabilitating injuries. Blevins missed the final four games of last year with a knee injury. Ward was sidelined for the last three by a shoulder injury.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Kansas should have one of the Big Eight's best special-teams units. Place-kicker Barrin Simmons and place-kicker Jeff McCord return. In addition, the Jayhawks led the Big Eight

in both punt returns and kickoff returns last year. Ashaundai Smith, the league's best kickoff return man, is back this year.

RECRUITING: Rutz, a Nebraska signee two years ago, passed for 1,613 yards at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M Junior College last year. Mason lured two top prospects from the St. Louis area, running back/defensive back Paul Davis and linebacker Michael Allen. Linebacker Tyrus Fontenot was the Texas Class 5A Defensive Player of the Year.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Memorial Stadium, Lawrence, Kan. (50,250, artificial)
RETURNING STARTERS (14): Offense (7); Defense (5); Specialists (2)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: John Jones, OL (2nd-team All-Big Eight); Don Davis, OLB (2nd-team All-Big Eight); Asheiki Preston, QB

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Mark Williams, Sr., 21-30-336, 2 TDs
RUSHING: L.T. Levine, Sr., 128 carries, 803 yards, 11 TDs
RECEIVING (catches): Ashaundai Smith, Sr., 22, 3 TDs
RECEIVING (yards): Smith, 426
TACKLES: Keith Rodgers, Sr., 77
SACKS: Brett McGraw, So., 3.5
INTERCEPTIONS: none
PUNTING: Barrin Simmons, Sr., 34.4 avg.
KICKING: Jeff McCord, So., 8-12 FGs (long 48), 37-37 PATs
SCORING: Levine, 66 points (11 TDs)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . CINCINNATI
Sept. 9 . . . vs. North Texas *
Sept. 14 . . . TCU
Sept. 23 . . . HOUSTON
Oct. 7 . . . at Colorado
Oct. 14 . . . IOWA STATE
Oct. 21 . . . at Oklahoma
Oct. 28 . . . at Kansas State
Nov. 4 . . . MISSOURI
Nov. 11 . . . NEBRASKA
Nov. 18 . . . at Oklahoma State
* at Irving, Texas

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 1 . . . at Houston; won, 35-13
Sept. 10 . . . MICHIGAN ST.; won, 17-10
Sept. 17 . . . at TCU; lost, 31-21
Sept. 24 . . . ALA.-BIRM.; won, 72-0
Oct. 6 . . . KANSAS ST.; lost, 21-14
Oct. 15 . . . at Iowa St.; won, 41-23
Oct. 22 . . . OKLAHOMA; lost, 20-17
Oct. 29 . . . OKLAHOMA ST.; won, 24-14
Nov. 5 . . . at Nebraska; lost, 45-17
Nov. 12 . . . COLORADO; lost, 51-26
Nov. 19 . . . at Missouri; won, 31-14

MILESTONES:

- Mason has already had more winning seasons (three) at Kansas than any of his five predecessors.
- WR Ashaundai Smith could become the first player to lead KU in receiving three straight seasons.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ The emergence of a solid quarterback from among Mark Williams, Matt Johnner and Ben Rutz.
- ✓ Overall improvement on defense.
- ✓ Successful comebacks from injuries by Tony Blevins and Ronnie Ward.

By STEVE RICHARDSON

Oklahoma State made history last winter when it hired the first black head football coach in Big Eight Conference history, Bob Simmons, a former assistant at Colorado. Simmons inherits a program that has been slowed by NCAA probation in the early 1990s and has suffered through six straight losing seasons under previous head coach Pat Jones. Oklahoma State's last winning season was in 1988, when the team went 10-2 and defeated Wyoming, 62-14, in the Holiday Bowl.

"We are certain great things will happen at Oklahoma State under his leadership," said Oklahoma State president James Halligan. "I have great enthusiasm about working hand-in-hand with Bob Simmons."

Oklahoma State has lost 11 games in the 1990s by seven or fewer points. But Simmons, a former outside linebackers coach at West Virginia and Colorado, will attempt to change that trend.

While Simmons was at Colorado, the Buffaloes had a 76-15-5 record and won a share of the national championship in 1990. He brings top-notch credentials to help improve the defense at OSU.

OFFENSE: The strength of the offense is the running game, which over the years has been spectacular in Stillwater. Junior David Thompson (819 yards) and sophomore Andre Richardson (774 yards) share the tail-back duties and could star this season in the mold of such past OSU players as Terry Miller, Ernest Anderson, Thurman Thomas, Barry Sanders and Gerald Hudson. Richardson, the 1994 Big Eight Newcomer of the Year, is also an outstanding pass receiver.

Simmons hopes to get improvement out of junior quarterback Toné Jones, who has shown at times he can get the job done. Last season, he completed less than half his passes (44.5 percent) and had more interceptions (14) than touchdown passes (eight).

Jones will be under the tutelage of former Oklahoma State standout Mike Gundy, now the quarterbacks coach at his alma mater.

The offensive line returns basically intact and is anchored by senior center Bryan Hope. The receiving corps lost most of its playmakers, and sophomore Kris Lofton's career was interrupted by a knee injury.

DEFENSE: The Cowboys return eight starters and are solid at several positions. The interior has several quality players, with junior linebacker Jevon Langford (60 tackles last season) probably the best player on defense. He's one of the strongest pass rushers in the Big Eight with 8.5 sacks and 10 quarterback hurries last season.

The Cowboys lost two of their top linebackers to graduation, but senior Alamu Bailey (41 tackles) and



TONÉ
JONES
QB

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Toné Jones (Jr., 5-11, 190)*	Craig Strickland (Fr., 6-2, 180)
TB: Andre Richardson (So., 5-9, 180)	David Thompson (Jr., 5-8, 200)*
FB: Geoff Grenier (Sr., 6-1, 240)	David Thompson (Jr., 5-8, 200)
WR: Kent Luck (Jr., 5-8, 175)	Chris Thompson (Fr., 6-3, 195)
WR: Tim McNeal (So., 6-3, 190)	Larry Mahsetky (Sr., 6-1, 190)
TE: Alonzo Mayes (So., 6-6, 252)	Roger Pfeiffer (Jr., 6-4, 225)
DE: Derek Leinen (Jr., 6-4, 292)*	Chris Lewis (Fr., 6-5, 260)
LG: Scott Waterbury (Sr., 6-5, 298)*	Bryan Guillory (So., 6-3, 265)
C: Bryan Hope (Sr., 6-4, 270)*	David Snow (So., 6-1, 260)
RG: Josh Henson (Jr., 6-2, 250)	Jim Villanueva (So., 6-2, 272)
RE: Calvin Menephee (So., 6-2, 320)*	Jeremy Offutt (Fr., 6-5, 260)

DEFENSE

DE Lorenzo Green (Sr., 6-2, 270)*	Matt Thompson (Sr., 5-8, 240)
NE Norman Williams (Sr., 5-10, 250)*	Jamal Williams (Fr., 6-3, 255)
DT: Jay Grosfield (Jr., 6-4, 255)	Russell Ensey (Fr., 6-3, 260)
LB: Jevon Langford (Jr., 6-5, 260)*	Stephen Cager (Fr., 6-1, 240)
LB: Alamu Bailey (Sr., 6-2, 260)*	Demetrius Crowder (Sr., 6-3, 255)
LB: Louis Adams (Jr., 6-1, 225)*	Bill Stone (Fr., 6-1, 225)
LB: James Elliott (Sr., 5-11, 245)	Josh Green (Fr., 6-0, 210)
CB: Johnny Jones (Sr., 5-9, 170)*	Paul Brown (So., 5-9, 188)
CB: Jerald Johnson (Sr., 5-9, 185)*	Rob McQuarters (Fr., 5-11, 183)
SS: Trent Fisher (Jr., 5-10, 195)*	Jitu Criddle (Jr., 6-1, 185)
FS: Kevin Williams (Jr., 6-0, 186)	Trent Alexander (Fr., 6-0, 175)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Lawson Vaughn (Sr., 6-0, 180)*	Tim Snyder (Fr., 6-2, 180)
P: Greg Ivy (Sr., 6-0, 190)*	Tim Snyder (Fr., 6-2, 180)

(* denotes returning starter)

Louis Adams (69 return). The defense must improve after ranking only 73rd in Division I-A in rushing defense last season.

The secondary gave up 15 passing touchdowns last season and returns three starters.

SPECIAL TEAMS: One of the strengths of the team. Senior punter Greg Ivy finished ninth nationally in punting (44 yards per punt) in his first season at OSU after two years of junior college football. Senior Lawson Vaughn has made 28 of 43 field goals in his career at OSU.

RECRUITING: Simmons came to Stillwater with a reputation as a top-notch recruiter. Former All Americas

Kanavis McGee, Alfred Williams and Kordell Stewart were just three big-name recruits that Simmons corralled while at Colorado. One of his recruits at his new school was easy, his son, running back Nathan Simmons of Boulder, Colo. But the major holes he may have filled were at linebacker, wide receiver and defensive back. R.W. McQuarters, a defensive back from Tulsa, and wide receiver Cameron White, from Colorado, were among the top recruits. Several of Oklahoma State's recruits are also two-sport players.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Lewis Field, Stillwater, Okla. (50,614, artificial)
RETURNING STARTERS (16): Offense (6), Defense (8); Specialists (2)
KEY PLAYER LOST: Rafael Denson, WR (2nd-team All-Big Eight)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Toné Jones, Jr., 114-256-1,468 yards, 8 TDs, 14 INTs
RUSHING: David Thompson, Jr., 186 carries, 819 yards, 5 TDs
RECEIVING (catches): Andre Richardson, So., 12
RECEIVING (yards): Richardson, 97
TACKLES: Louis Adams, Jr., 69
SACKS: Jevon Langford, Jr., 8.5
INTERCEPTIONS: Adams, 2
PUNTING: Greg Ivy, Sr., 44.0 avg.
KICKING: Lawson Vaughn, Sr., 9-14 FGs (long 48), 19-21 PATs
SCORING: Vaughn, 46 points

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . at Wyoming
Sept. 9 . . . TULSA
Sept. 16 . . . SOUTHWEST MISSOURI
Sept. 30 . . . at Tennessee
Oct. 7 . . . NEBRASKA
Oct. 14 . . . KANSAS STATE
Oct. 21 . . . at Missouri
Oct. 28 . . . at Iowa State
Nov. 4 . . . COLORADO
Nov. 11 . . . at Oklahoma
Nov. 18 . . . KANSAS
Dec. 2 . . . at Hawaii

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 1 . . . at N. Illinois; won, 31-14
Sept. 17 . . . at Baylor; lost, 14-10
Sept. 24 . . . TULSA; won, 17-10
Oct. 1 . . . N. TEXAS; won, 36-34
Oct. 7 . . . at Nebraska; lost, 32-3
Oct. 14 . . . MISSOURI; lost, 24-15
Oct. 21 . . . IOWA STATE; tie, 31-31
Oct. 28 . . . at Kansas; lost, 24-14
Nov. 5 . . . at Colorado; lost, 17-3
Nov. 12 . . . OKLAHOMA; lost, 33-14
Nov. 19 . . . at Kansas St.; lost, 23-6

MILESTONES

• Oklahoma State has had 25 consensus All Americas despite not being one of the Big Eight powerhouses in recent years.
• Tailback Andre Richardson came within 30 yards of the OSU freshman rushing record.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ More consistency out of Tone' Jones or his replacement at QB.
- ✓ Develop a toughness to win the close games.
- ✓ Replace depleted receiving corps so running game doesn't have to carry the load.

By TOM PERRIN

Missouri coach Larry Smith loses a slew of starters and 22 seniors from a team that managed only three victories last season. Yet somehow, Smith figures the Tigers could end up with a better record than a year ago. A soft non-conference schedule (North Texas, Bowling Green, Northeast Louisiana) is just one reason for his optimism.

"The football team we'll have this year won't have as much experience," Smith said. "But in watching the players work out in the offseason and seeing the mentality, we may be better off."

In his first season at Missouri last year, Smith's hard-nosed, no-nonsense approach was a shock to many Tigers players. This year, the former Southern Cal and Arizona coach and his players are more familiar, both understanding what is expected from one another. Once a perennial bowl team, Missouri hasn't had a winning season since 1983. "I think it's been as tough as we expected. With the personnel we had a year ago, we overestimated what we could get done the first year," Smith said. "On the other hand, we exceeded what I thought we could do in recruiting."

Missouri expects to receive immediate help from a 26-member class that includes several blue-chip high school players and four junior college transfers. If the youngsters don't immediately contribute, a lower-division finish in the Big Eight is likely.

OFFENSE: Smith thinks the Tigers will pass the ball at least as well as a year ago, when they averaged 202.5 yards a game. His concern is the running game, where Missouri's 107.9-yard average ranked last in the conference. The Tigers return three starters on the offensive line to block for leading rusher Brock Olivo. Despite carrying just 185 pounds on a 6-foot-1 frame, Olivo gained 614 yards last year as a freshman. He didn't start until late in the season, gaining all but 56 of his yards against Big Eight opponents.

"Our running game will be built around him. He has the stamina and intensity to be great," Smith said.

Smith thinks junior quarterback Brandon Corso can replace Jeff Handy, Mizzou's starter for the last three seasons. Receivers Lou Shepherd, Rahsetnu Jenkins and Frank Jones all return. Each had at least 15 receptions and 200 yards last year.

DEFENSE: Missouri's defense was seventh in every Big Eight category last year but returns at least one All-Big Eight candidate on the line, at linebacker and in the secondary. Senior defensive tackle Steve Martin has started 26 games, and had eight sacks last year, tying a



PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Brandon Corso (Jr., 6-2, 195)	Misael Alvarado (Fr., 6-1, 188)
TB: Brock Olivo (So., 6-1, 185)*	Kenyetta Williams (Jr., 5-10, 190)
FB: Ron Jones (So., 6-3, 234)	Antwan Johnson (Sr., 6-1, 216)
WR: Lou Shepherd (Jr., 6-0, 197)	Martez Young (Fr., 6-1, 175)
WR: Rahsetnu Jenkins (Jr., 6-2, 170)*	Frank Jones (Sr., 5-11, 183)
TE: Bill Lingerfelt (Jr., 6-4, 240)*	Vic Faust (Sr., 6-3, 230)
LE: Ed Flanagan (Jr., 6-7, 305)	Travis Biebel (So., 6-4, 249)
LB: Mike Morris (So., 6-3, 290)*	Matt Dowell (Sr., 6-6, 272)
C: Russ Appel (Jr., 6-3, 246)*	Mitch Henderson (Fr., 6-3, 270)
RG: Chris Barrows (Sr., 6-4, 280)	Cliff Smith (Fr., 6-5, 270)
RT: Chris Buck (Sr., 6-6, 305)*	Todd Niemeyer (Fr., 6-5, 270)

DEFENSE

DE: Kay Blake (Sr., 6-3, 218)	Ramone Budgetts (Fr., 6-2, 220)
DE: Steve Martin (Sr., 6-5, 284)*	Billie Gregory (Fr., 6-3, 258)
NT: Jon Sanft (Sr., 6-4, 267)*	Donnell Jones (So., 6-4, 251)
DE: Pat Ivey (Sr., 6-4, 241)	Eric Douglas (Jr., 6-5, 245)
DE: Brian Cracraft (So., 6-3, 235)	Justin Wyatt (Fr., 6-4, 235)
LB: Darryl Chatman (Jr., 6-1, 226)*	Shawn Sundall (So., 6-2, 220)
LB: Joe Love (Jr., 6-2, 199)	Kevin Ford (Fr., 6-1, 219)
CB: Clayton Baker (Jr., 5-10, 174)*	Stevonne Wortham (Fr., 6-0, 175)
CB: Shad Criss (So., 5-10, 175)	Derrick Miller (Jr., 5-11, 171)
SS: Bo Adams (Sr., 6-0, 201)	Terrence Binion (So., 6-3, 200)
FS: DeMontie Cross (Jr., 6-4, 202)*	Jasen Key (So., 5-10, 175)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Mark Norris (Jr., 6-2, 190)	P: Bill Lingerfelt (Jr., 6-4, 240)
P: Jason Smith (Fr., 5-9, 160)	K: Tom Burnham (Fr., 5-11, 169)

(* denotes returning starter)

school record. "Everything will be built around him," Smith said.

Junior linebacker Darryl Chatman, a hard hitter with outstanding side-to-side speed, will be expected to repeat his 98-tackle performance last year. Junior free safety DeMontie Cross didn't become a starter until the third game last year but still made a team-best 138 tackles.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Kyle Pooler, first-team All-Big Eight as a punter and second team as a placekicker, completed his eligibility, leaving a big hole to fill. Mark Norris, who handled kickoffs last year, will take over at placekicker. Jason Smith, a redshirt freshman, is the punter.

Return men Jenkins and Clayton Baker both are back after so-so results last year.

RECRUITING: Smith was pleased with his class, particularly the reception he got in Missouri. Fourteen in-state players signed with the Tigers, including quarterbacks John McArthur and Corby Jones. Junior college offensive lineman Ed Flanagan should make a major impact, as could junior college defensive lineman Henry Thomas, although Thomas may miss this year to work on his academic qualifications.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Memorial/Faurot Field, Columbia, Mo. (62,000, artificial)

RETURNING STARTERS (11): Offense

(6); Defense (5)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Lamont Frazier, TE (2nd-team All-Big Eight); Travis McDonald, ILB (2nd-team All-Big Eight); Kyle Pooler, P/PK (2nd-team All-Big Eight); Jeff Handy, QB (Hon. mention All-Big Eight); Brian Sallee, WR (Hon. mention All-Big Eight)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Brandon Corso, Jr., 31-57-391 yards, 1 TD, 2 INTs

RUSHING: Brock Olivo, So., 142 carries, 614 yards, 5 TDs

RECEIVING (catches): Rahsetnu Jenkins, Jr., 40, 2 TDs

RECEIVING (yards): Jenkins, 482

TACKLES: DeMontie Cross, Jr., 138

SACKS: Steve Martin, Sr., 8

INTERCEPTIONS: Bo Adams, Sr., 2

PUNTING: none

KICKING: none

SCORING: Olivo, 36 (6 TDs)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	. NORTH TEXAS
Sept. 9	. BOWLING GREEN
Sept. 16	.at Texas Tech
Sept. 23	.NORTHEAST LOUISIANA
Oct. 7	. .at Kansas State
Oct. 14	. .at Nebraska
Oct. 21	. .OKLAHOMA STATE
Oct. 28	. .OKLAHOMA
Nov. 4	. .at Kansas
Nov. 11	. .at Colorado
Nov. 18	. .IOWA STATE

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3	. .TULSA; lost, 20-17
Sept. 10	.at Illinois; lost, 42-0
Sept. 24	.at Houston; won, 16-0
Oct. 1	. . .WEST VIRGINIA; lost, 34-10
Oct. 8	. . .COLORADO; lost, 38-23
Oct. 15	. . .at Oklahoma St.; won, 24-15
Oct. 22	. .NEBRASKA; lost, 42-7
Oct. 29	. .at Iowa St.; won, 34-20
Nov. 5	. .at Oklahoma; lost, 30-13
Nov. 12	. .KANSAS ST.; lost, 21-18
Nov. 19	. .KANSAS; lost, 31-14
Nov. 26	. .at Hawaii; tie, 32-32

MILESTONES

- RB Brock Olivo's 151 yards against Kansas State was a Mizzou freshman record.
- Missouri blocked a school-record six kicks (three extra points, two punts and a field goal) last year.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Improved running game, led by Olivo.
- ✓ Immediate impact from recruiting class.
- ✓ Vast improvement on defense.

By STEVE RICHARDSON

Under former head coach Jim Walden, Iowa State's football program hit rock bottom in the Big Eight last season. Although the Cyclones tied for seventh place in the league standings, Iowa State's 0-10-1 record was the worst in the conference. That signalled the end for Walden, the outspoken coach whose bon voyage present was a \$5,000 fine for criticizing Big Eight officials near the end of his tenure.

Asked to save the day is Wisconsin assistant coach Dan McCarney, who has no previous head coaching experience but has been an assistant at either Iowa (13 years) or Wisconsin (five) since his days as an NFL offensive lineman ended in 1976.

McCarney's Iowa State tenure wasn't exactly smooth at the beginning, either. *The Des Moines Register* reported in March that McCarney's former wife had filed a spousal abuse complaint against him. Iowa State officials stood by their 41-year-old coach, despite the embarrassing charge. His early days in Ames may be a barometer of what happens on the field. The Cyclones haven't been to a bowl since 1978.

"We're starting from scratch," McCarney said. "We will install our system and find the best 22 men to start. The most productive men will prevail. We will stress fundamentals and refine technique. We will have to change the attitude."

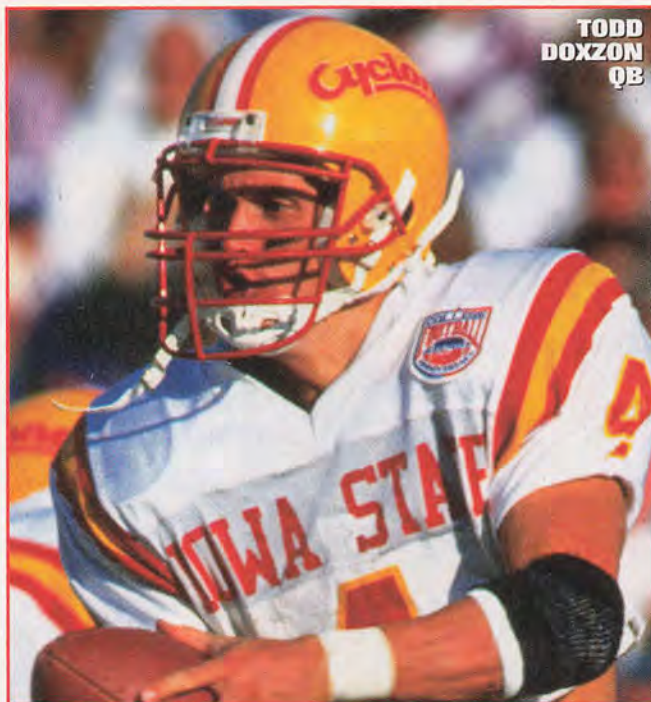
OFFENSE: The Cyclones have plenty of depth and quality at running back and have a quarterback with experience. Seniors Calvin Branch (5.2 yards per carry) and Graston Norris (4.7), and junior Artis Garriss (3.4) are the proven speedsters, while sophomore Troy Davis (5.3) has shown potential.

"I would love to have the depth at other positions that we have at running back," McCarney said.

The returning quarterback with experience, junior Todd Doxzon, was to be challenged in the spring by junior Jeff St. Clair, sophomore Robby Duncan and freshman Corey Lambert. Doxzon is an option quarterback, but McCarney wants to instill more balance into the offense. Senior Mike Horacek (22 receptions, 368 yards) and Branch (19-370), give the Cyclones a solid receiving attack.

DEFENSE: The Cyclones have had problems defensively, ranking 98th out of 107 Division I-A teams last season in scoring defense and last in the country in rushing defense. The Cyclones gave up 272.8 yards rushing per game last season, nearly four times as many yards on a per-game basis than national champion Nebraska.

"At every level of football, the good teams play strong defense,"



TODD DOXZON
QB

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Todd Doxzon (Jr., 6-1, 185)*	Jeff St. Clair (Jr., 6-0, 193)
TB: Troy Davis (So., 5-8, 182)	Calvin Branch (Sr., 5-11, 189)*
FB: Rodney Guggenheim (Jr., 5-10, 211)*	Tendai Muywengwa (So., 6-0, 196)
WR: Mike Horacek (Sr., 6-1, 195)*	Jerome Henry (So., 6-0, 172)
WR: Ed Williams (So., 6-3, 189)*	Geoff "The Rat" Turner (So., 5-8, 185)
TE: Dennis Diblase (Jr., 6-2, 225)	Matt Rysavy (So., 6-2, 227)
LE: Tim Kohn (Jr., 6-5, 298)*	Jim Yuso (Fr., 6-3, 278)
LG: Mark Konopka (Sr., 6-2, 289)*	Doug Easley (So., 6-2, 270)
C: Mike Sakalas (Jr., 6-3, 290)	Paul Skartvedt (Jr., 6-2, 261)
RG: Matt Rahfeldt (So., 6-4, 275)*	Eddie Shuford (So., 6-5, 258)
RE: Byron Heitz (Sr., 6-5, 291)*	Josh Hagedorn (So., 6-3, 275)

DEFENSE

DE: Gabe Toft (Jr., 6-1, 237)	Kurt Levetzow (So., 6-5, 238)
DE: Sheldon Napastuk (Jr., 6-5, 271)*	Greg Schoon (So., 6-3, 251)
DE: Jason Putz (Sr., 6-3, 263)	Kevin Fleecs (Sr., 6-4, 255)
DE: B.J. Spyksma (Sr., 6-3, 250)*	Rudy Ruffolo (So., 6-3, 246)
LB: Angelo Provenza (Sr., 6-0, 205)	Greg Boyd (Jr., 6-1, 216)
LB: Clint Thomas (Jr., 6-3, 230)	Eric Martin (So., 6-0, 225)
LB: Tim Sanders (Jr., 6-0, 204)*	Michael Cooper (So., 6-1, 194)
CB: Russell Johnson (Jr., 5-10, 185)*	Daryl Hall (Jr., 5-8, 179)
CB: Jason Brown (So., 5-10, 187)*	Kevin Hudson (So., 6-0, 162)
SS: Matt Straight (Sr., 6-0, 194)*	Greg Boyd (Jr., 6-1, 216)
FS: Mike Lincavage (Jr., 6-1, 196)	Tracy Williams (So., 6-0, 203)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: John Dillon (So., 6-1, 181)	Robert Schneider (Fr., 5-11, 170)
P: Marc Harris (Jr., 5-11, 198)*	John Dillon (So., 6-1, 181)

(* denotes returning starter)

McCarney said. "Once in a while, you'll see an offensive scoring machine make a bowl game. But day in and day out, the top teams nationally play great defense."

The strength of the Iowa State defense is probably its secondary, which had to make a lot of tackles to bail out a porous defensive front last year. Senior strong safety Matt Straight made 98 tackles last season, second highest on the team behind returning linebacker Tim Sanders, who made 124. The Cyclones' defensive line is relatively inexperienced and will look to senior defensive end B.J. Spyksma for leadership.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Marc Harris returns as the punter, with a 42.4 yards-per-punt average. But the Cyclones lost kicker Ty Stewart to graduation and will need a big year from sophomore John Dillon.

RECRUITING: Iowa State needed some size on its lines and got it when a trio of big men—6-4, 264-pound Errol Anderson, 6-8, 292-pound Errol Arkan and 6-3, 260-pound Patrick Augata—committed. McCarney also signed one of the top running backs in Colorado, Damien Brown.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Cyclone Stadium/Jack Trice Field, Ames, Iowa (50,000, artificial)

RETURNING STARTERS (16): Offense (9); Defense (6), Specialists (1)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Tony Booth, C (2nd-team All-Big Eight); Ty Stewart, PK (2nd-team All-Big Eight)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Todd Doxzon, Jr., 51-90-745 yards, 3 TDs, 3 INTs; Jeff St. Clair, Jr., 51-105-694 yards, 3 TDs, 5 INTs

RUSHING: Rodney Guggenheim, Jr., 72 carries, 330 yards, 4 TDs

RECEIVING (catches): Mike Horacek, Sr., 22, 2 TDs

RECEIVING (yards): Calvin Branch, Sr., 370

TACKLES: Tim Sanders, Jr., 124

SACKS: (tie) Matt Straight, Sr. and Sheldon Napastuk, Jr., 1 each

INTERCEPTIONS: Russell Johnson, Jr., 2

PUNTING: Marc Harris, Jr., 42.4 avg.

KICKING: none

SCORING: Doxzon and Guggenheim, 24 points (4 TDs each)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	...OHIO U.
Sept. 9	...at Texas Christian
Sept. 16	...IOWA
Sept. 23	...NEVADA-LAS VEGAS
Oct. 7	...OKLAHOMA
Oct. 14	...at Kansas
Oct. 21	...COLORADO
Oct. 28	...OKLAHOMA STATE
Nov. 4	...at Nebraska
Nov. 11	...KANSAS STATE
Nov. 18	...at Missouri

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3	...N. IOWA; lost, 28-14
Sept. 10	...at Iowa; lost, 37-9
Sept. 17	...W. MICHIGAN; lost, 23-19
Sept. 24	...RICE; lost, 28-18
Oct. 1	...at Oklahoma; lost, 34-6
Oct. 15	...KANSAS; lost, 41-23
Oct. 22	...at Oklahoma St.; tie, 31-31
Oct. 29	...MISSOURI; lost, 34-20
Nov. 5	...at Kansas St.; lost, 38-20
Nov. 12	...NEBRASKA; lost, 28-12
Nov. 19	...at Colorado; lost, 41-20

MILESTONE

■ Iowa State begins the season winless in its last 13 games.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ McCarney cannot get distracted by the off-the-field publicity about his personal life.
- ✓ The Cyclones need young offensive and defensive lines to mature quickly.
- ✓ Iowa State, with four of its first five games at home, needs early victories to gain confidence and break the current winless streak.

PAC-10



UCLA's Kevin Jordan is one of the brightest young stars in Hollywood. He led the Pac-10 in receiving last season with 73 catches for 1,228 yards.

PROJECTED ORDER OF FINISH

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|---------------|-------------------|
| 1. USC | 6. California |
| 2. Arizona | 7. Washington St. |
| 3. Washington | 8. Arizona State |
| 4. UCLA | 9. Oregon State |
| 5. Oregon | 10. Stanford |

All-Pac-10 Offense

POSITION/PLAYER	YR.	HT./WT.	COLLEGE
QB Jake Plummer	Jr.	6-2/189	Arizona State
RB Sharmon Shah	Jr.	5-11/189	UCLA
RB Shawn Walters	Jr.	6-0/225	USC
WR Kevin Jordan	Sr.	6-2/188	UCLA
WR Keyshawn Johnson	Sr.	6-4/205	USC
TE Josh Wilcox	Jr.	6-2/236	Oregon
OL Jonathan Ogden	Sr.	6-8/315	UCLA
OL Willy Rife	Jr.	6-5/310	Oregon
OL Brad Badger	Jr.	6-4/270	Stanford
OL Frank Beede	Sr.	6-5/290	California
C Mike Flanagan	Sr.	6-5/281	UCLA

All-Pac-10 Defense

POSITION/PLAYER	YR.	HT./WT.	COLLEGE
DL Chuck Osborne	Sr.	6-2/255	Arizona
DL Tedy Bruschi	Sr.	6-1/255	Arizona
DL Regan Upshaw	Jr.	6-4/240	California
DL Troy Bailey	Sr.	6-3/260	Oregon
LB Ink Aleaga	Jr.	6-2/225	Washington
LB Jeremy Asher	Sr.	6-2/221	Oregon
LB Donnie Edwards	Sr.	6-4/216	UCLA
DB Lawyer Milloy	Jr.	6-2/200	Washington
DB Alex Molden	Sr.	5-10/180	Oregon
DB Kenny Wheaton	So.	5-9/181	Oregon
DB Brandon Sanders	Sr.	5-10/175	Arizona

All-Pac-10 Special Teams

POSITION/PLAYER	YR.	HT./WT.	COLLEGE
PK Bjorn Merten	Jr.	6-1/199	UCLA
P John Stonehouse	Sr.	5-11/210	USC
RS Ricky Whittle	Sr.	5-9/193	Oregon

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Keyshawn Johnson, USC

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Donnie Edwards, UCLA

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Daylon McCutcheon, DB, USC

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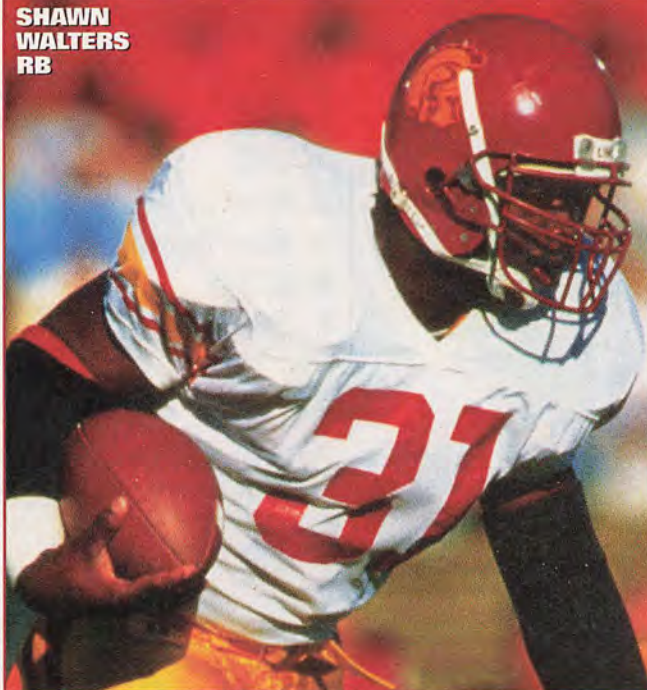
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OFFENSE

QB: Brad Otton (Jr., 6-0, 240)	Kyle Wachholtz (Sr., 6-5, 220)
RB: Terry Barnum (Sr., 5-10, 200)*	Leonard Green (Sr., 6-0, 180)
RB: Shawn Walters (Jr., 6-0, 225)*	Delon Washington (So., 5-11, 190)
WR: Keyshawn Johnson (Sr., 6-4, 205)*	Chris Miller (Jr., 5-11, 175)
WR: Larry Parker (So., 6-2, 180)	Anthony Volsan (So., 5-10, 160)
TE: Johnny McWilliams (Sr., 6-5, 245)*	Tyler Cashman (Sr., 6-4, 235)*
LE: John Michels (Sr., 6-7, 270)	Heith Baughman (Sr., 6-6, 290)
LB: Chris Brymer (So., 6-3, 300)*	Kyle Ramsay (Sr., 6-3, 285)
C: Jeremy Hogue (Sr., 6-4, 270)*	Robert Loya (Sr., 6-2, 285)
RG: Phalen Pounds (So., 6-7, 310)	Clay Hattabaugh (Sr., 6-3, 280)
RE: Norberto Garrido (Sr., 6-7, 305)*	Richard Beatie (Jr., 6-6, 285)

DEFENSE

DE: Willie Lowery (Jr., 6-5, 255)*	Junior Rickman (So., 6-3, 225)
DE: Matt Keneley (Jr., 6-5, 285)*	George Perry (So., 6-5, 260)
NE: Stuart Gage (Sr., 6-4, 310)	Anthony Sanford (Jr., 6-5, 270)
DE: Darrell Russell (So., 6-4, 290)*	Cedric Jefferson (So., 6-2, 250)
DE: Israel Ifeanyi (Sr., 6-5, 250)*	Marcus Bonds (Sr., 6-6, 250)
LB: Erick Herrin (Sr., 6-2, 220)*	Brian Haas (Sr., 6-3, 225)
LB: Scott Fields (Sr., 6-3, 200)	Tarriel Hopper (Sr., 6-2, 220)
CB: Brian Kelly (So., 6-1, 190)*	Daylon McCutcheon (Fr., 5-10, 175)
CB: Mario Bradley (Sr., 6-2, 195)*	Quincy Harrison (Jr., 5-11, 185)
SS: Sammy Knight (Jr., 6-1, 195)*	Grant Pearsall (So., 6-1, 185)
FS: Micah Phillips (Sr., 6-0, 185)*	Jesse Davis (Sr., 6-0, 200)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Adam Abrams (Fr., 5-9, 170)	John Stonehouse (Sr., 5-11, 210)
P: John Stonehouse (Sr., 5-11, 210)*	Adam Abrams (Fr., 5-9, 170)

(* denotes returning starter)

By **LYLE SPENCER**

When John Robinson talks about his national championship aspirations, no one snickers now. That wasn't the case two years ago, when he launched his return to USC, or last season, when the Trojans lost two of their first four games.

After last fall's rocky start, USC finally began to emerge as a force again, peaking in a 55-14 crushing of Texas Tech in the Cotton Bowl. While two of the stars, quarterback Rob Johnson and offensive tackle Tony Boselli, have graduated to NFL riches, Robinson has plenty of horsepower left.

Everything revolves around Keyshawn Johnson, one of the nation's most dangerous pass receivers. The Trojans also return one of the Pac-10's premier tailbacks in Shawn Walters. Even in the absence of Johnson there is experienced depth at quarterback in Brad Otton and Kyle Wachholtz, both of whom impressed Robinson while subbing for Johnson.

Defensively, the Trojans' strength will be in the secondary with experienced hands at all four positions. The linebacking corps will be relatively new, but seasoned performers line the interior.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, Los Angeles, Calif. (94,159, grass)
RETURNING STARTERS (18): Offense (8); Defense (9); Specialists (1).
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Tony Boselli, OL (1st-team All-America); Brian Williams, LB (2nd-team All-Pac 10)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Brad Otton, Jr., 55-92-787 yards, 6 TDs
RUSHING: Shawn Walters, Jr., 193 carries, 976 yards, 11 TDs
RECEIVING (catches): Keyshawn Johnson, Sr., 66, 9 TDs
RECEIVING (yards): Johnson, 1,362
TACKLES: Sammy Knight, Jr., 65
SACKS: Israel Ifeanyi, Sr., 3
INTERCEPTIONS: 5 tied with 1
PUNTING: John Stonehouse, Sr., 44.1 avg.
KICKING: None
SCORING: Walters, 68 points (11 TDs, 1 2PT)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 9 . . . SAN JOSE ST.
Sept. 16 . . . HOUSTON
Sept. 23 . . . at Arizona
Sept. 30 . . . ARIZONA ST.
Oct. 7 . . . at California
Oct. 14 . . . WASHINGTON ST.
Oct. 21 . . . at Notre Dame
Oct. 28 . . . at Washington
Nov. 4 . . . STANFORD
Nov. 11 . . . at Oregon St.
Nov. 18 . . . UCLA

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . WASHINGTON; won, 24-17
Sept. 10 . . . at Penn St.; lost, 38-14
Sept. 24 . . . BAYLOR; won, 37-27
Oct. 1 . . . OREGON; lost, 22-7
Oct. 8 . . . at Oregon St.; won, 27-19
Oct. 15 . . . at Stanford; won, 27-20
Oct. 22 . . . CALIFORNIA; won, 61-0
Nov. 5 . . . at Wash. St.; won, 23-10
Nov. 12 . . . ARIZONA; won, 45-28
Nov. 19 . . . at UCLA; lost, 31-19
Nov. 26 . . . NOTRE DAME; tied, 17-17
Jan. 2 . . . vs. Texas Tech in Cotton Bowl; won, 55-14

MILESTONES

■ WR Keyshawn Johnson was second nationally in receiving yards per game (123.8).

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Otton or Wachholtz must provide leadership at quarterback.
- ✓ Defensive interior and new linebackers must stop the run.
- ✓ The running game must shift into gear to complement WR Keyshawn Johnson's matchless pass catching.

By JAVIER MORALES

After beating Miami 29-0 in the Fiesta Bowl two years ago, the Wildcats' slogan was "Back for More in '94." Perhaps this season it should be "Come Alive in '95."

Desert Swarm failed to live up to any of the preseason hype last year. A team thought to be good enough to earn its first-ever Rose Bowl invitation lost four games—including one to Utah in the Freedom Bowl—and remained the only Pac-10 team without a bowl appearance in Pasadena.

Last year's most valuable player, placekicker and Lou Groza Award-winning Steve McLaughlin, is gone, as is all-conference line-backer Sean Harris. But the Wildcats return senior quarterback Dan White and junior Gary Taylor, an adequate replacement for Ontiaun Carter at tailback. Also returning is senior defensive end Tedy Bruschi, a first-team All-America selection last season. The schedule is favorable with four of the first five games at home. USC, Washington and Oregon must also travel to Tucson.

OFFENSE: Arizona has been criticized in the past for its inability to throw the ball. Last season, however, the Wildcats displayed a balanced attack that featured a 2,000-yard passer (White), a 1,000-yard rusher (Carter) and a game-breaking receiver in Richard Dice (969 yards).

Tomey only wishes the Wildcats could have run the ball better late in the season—Arizona averaged 95.5 yards in its last four games.

"We made strides throwing the ball, a lot of strides, but this isn't going to work as well without the running game," Tomey said.

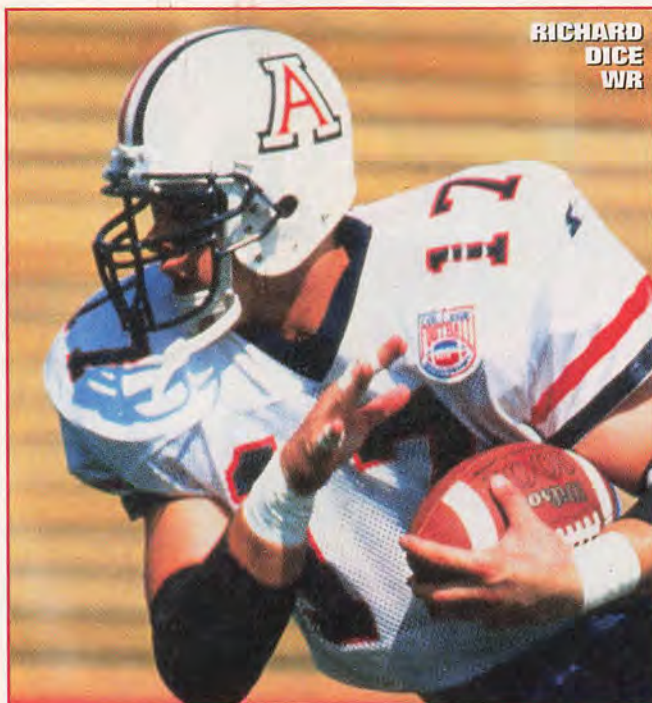
The offensive line is a big concern this season. The Wildcats lost all five starters, including standouts Warner Smith and Hicham El-Mashtoub.

DEFENSE: Last season was a disappointing one by Desert Swarm's standards; the worst swarm came when they allowed 45 points and 550 yards in a loss at USC. For most of the season, the secondary of safeties Tony Bouie and Brandon Sanders and cornerbacks Spencer Wray and Claudius Wright did not perform to expectations. Arizona had only four interceptions, and 2,425 of the 3,140 yards it allowed were through the air. By the end of the year, freshman Kelly Malveaux adequately replaced Wright, and senior Mike Scurlock split time with Wray.

"I don't think we can consider ourselves a great defense, because in too many games we just gave up too much," Tomey said.

Sanders and Malveaux return with sophomore safety Chuck Rich.

Bruschi and fellow senior lineman Chuck Osborne will try to carry the



**RICHARD
DICE
WR**

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Dan White (Sr., 6-5, 213)*	Brady Batten (So., 6-2, 212)
TB: Gary Taylor (Jr., 5-11, 240)*	Kevin Schmittke (So., 5-9, 188)
FB: Charles Myles (So., 5-11, 240)*	Jason Patterson (Sr., 5-11, 227)*
WR: Richard Dice (Jr., 6-3, 215)*	Jeff Chiasson (Sr., 5-11, 183)
WR: Gary Taylor (Sr., 5-11, 191)	Ron Holmes (Fr., 6-0, 190)
TE: Tim Thomas (Sr., 6-3, 248)	Damon Terrell (Sr., 6-3, 250)
LT: David Watson (Jr., 6-5, 255)	Ian McCutcheon (Jr., 6-5, 280)
LG: Ken McClelland (So., 6-4, 290)	Jeff Malone (So., 6-3, 250)
C: Mani Ott (Sr., 6-3, 255)	Mike Mannely (So., 6-2, 270)
RG: Tyson Lingenfelter (So., 6-4, 280)	Frank Middleton (Jr., 6-5, 235)
RE: Willie Walker (Jr., 6-3, 293)	Ryan Turley (Jr., 6-7, 260)

DEFENSE

DE: Tedy Bruschi (Sr., 6-1, 255)*	Chato Jackson (Jr., 6-0, 228)
DE: Joe Salave'a (Jr., 6-4, 270)*	Daniel Greer (Fr., 6-2, 245)
DE: Chuck Osborne (Sr., 6-2, 280)*	Beau Ralphs (Jr., 6-2, 251)
DE: Jimmy Sprotte (So., 6-2, 250)	Van Tuineni (Jr., 6-4, 260)
LB: Thomas Dumps (Sr., 6-3, 219)*	Scott Sanders (Jr., 5-10, 177)
LB: Charlie Camp (Sr., 5-11, 224)*	Armon Williams (So., 6-2, 200)
LB: Mike Szlauro (So., 6-3, 231)	Chester Burnett (So., 5-11, 215)
CB: Kelly Malveaux (So., 5-9, 167)*	Derrick Stewart (Jr., 5-9, 198)
CB: Shawn Parnell (Sr., 5-8, 156)	Skeeter Harrington (So., 5-9, 150)
SS: Brandon Sanders (Sr., 5-10, 177)*	Chuck Mahoney (Jr., 6-1, 200)
FS: Chuck Rich (So., 5-11, 190)	Tom Bobo (Jr., 6-2, 197)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: John Prasuhn (Sr., 6-2, 184)	Mark McDonald (Fr., 6-1, 180)
P: Matt Peyton (Jr., 6-2, 184)*	John Prasuhn (Sr., 6-2, 184)

(* denotes returning starter)

torch for the Wildcats. They combined for 21 sacks last year. Mike Szlauro appears to be the next great linebacker at Arizona, following the likes of Harris, Chris Singleton, Byron Evans and Ricky Hunley.

SPECIAL TEAMS: McLaughlin, an astounding 12 of 16 from 40 yards or more, will be hard to replace, but Mark McDonald, a high school All-America pick from Santa Monica, Calif., will try his best. Brothers Cary and Gary Taylor each averaged more than 20 yards per kickoff return. Junior Matt Peyton averaged 38.6 yards per punt last year.

RECRUITING: The Wildcats signed one of the best junior college

classes in the country. JUCO All-Americas Ian McCutcheon of Norwalk, Calif., Frank Middleton of Fort Scott, Kan., and Ryan Turley of Mesa, Ariz., are all expected to make an immediate impact on the offensive line. Rashee Johnson, a JUCO All-America from San Francisco City College, should help right away in the defensive secondary. Chima Ugwu, a defensive lineman from Central Arizona College by way of Nigeria, has only one year of football experience, but Tomey thinks he is an NFL prospect.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Arizona Stadium, Tucson, Ariz. (56,167, grass)

RETURNING STARTERS (12): Offense (4); Defense (7); Specialists (1)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Ontiaun Carter, RB (1st-team All-Pac-10); Hicham El-Mashtoub, OL (2nd-team All-Pac-10); Sean Harris, LB (1st-team All-Pac-10); Steve McLaughlin, PK (3rd-team All-America); Warner Smith, OL (1st-team All-Pac-10)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Dan White, Sr., 169-296-2,181 yards, 14 TDs, 7 INTs

RUSHING: Gary Taylor, Jr., 72 carries, 307 yards, 2 TDs

RECEIVING (catches): Richard Dice, Jr., 56, 8 TDs

RECEIVING (yards): Dice, 969

TACKLES: Charlie Camp, Sr., 50

SACKS: Tedy Bruschi, Sr., 10

INTERCEPTIONS: Brandon Sanders, Sr., 1

PUNTING: Matt Peyton, Jr., 38.6 avg.

KICKING: None

SCORING: Dice, 48 points (8 TDs)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	. . . PACIFIC
Sept. 9	. . . GEORGIA TECH
Sept. 16	. . . at Illinois
Sept. 23	. . . USC
Sept. 30	. . . CALIFORNIA
Oct. 14	. . . at UCLA
Oct. 21	. . . WASHINGTON
Oct. 28	. . . at Washington St.
Nov. 4	. . . at Oregon St.
Nov. 11	. . . OREGON
Nov. 24	. . . at Arizona St.

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 1	. . . at Georgia Tech; won, 19-14
Sept. 10	. . . N. MEXICO ST.; won, 44-0
Sept. 24	. . . at Stanford; won 24-10
Oct. 1	. . . OREGON ST.; won, 30-10
Oct. 8	. . . COLORADO ST.; lost, 21-16
Oct. 15	. . . at Wash. St.; won, 10-7
Oct. 22	. . . UCLA; won, 34-24
Oct. 29	. . . at Oregon; lost, 10-9
Nov. 5	. . . CALIFORNIA; won, 13-6
Nov. 12	. . . at USC; lost, 45-26
Nov. 25	. . . ARIZONA ST.; won, 28-27
Dec. 29	. . . vs. Utah in Freedom Bowl; lost 16-13

MILESTONES

■ With 3,868 career passing yards, QB Dan White needs 1,222 yards to move past Bruce Hill (1973-75) into third place on Arizona's all-time list.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Revamped offensive line must give immobile Dan White time to throw.
- ✓ Defensive secondary must improve.
- ✓ A reliable receiver other than Dice must surface.

By LARRY BORTSTEIN

After back-to-back 7-4 seasons, the Huskies could contend for the Rose Bowl in their return to the good graces of the Pac-10 following two years on probation.

Washington managed to recruit well during the two years it was ineligible for the conference title and will have the advantage of playing USC, Oregon, Arizona State, Washington State and Notre Dame at home.

However, replacing a pair of first-round NFL draft picks in tailback Napoleon Kaufman (St. Louis Rams) and tight end Mark Bruener (Pittsburgh Steelers) won't be easy.

"We have to ask ourselves how good can we be coming off two years where we couldn't go to a bowl," said Lambright, a longtime assistant to Don James, who quit in protest of the sanctions two years ago. "We've had our excuses, but now there aren't any."

OFFENSE: Damon Huard, who at times has been interception-prone, must have a big senior year if the Huskies are to reach postseason play. He'll benefit from having Washington's fastest corps of wide receivers in several years. Redshirt freshman Andre deSaussure and sophomore transfer Jerome Pathon will open up the field more—a Lambright priority.

Bruener has gone to the NFL, but 240-pound senior Ernie Conwell, possibly the best backup in the country, assures a continuation of high quality at the position. He benchmarks an eye-popping 500 pounds.

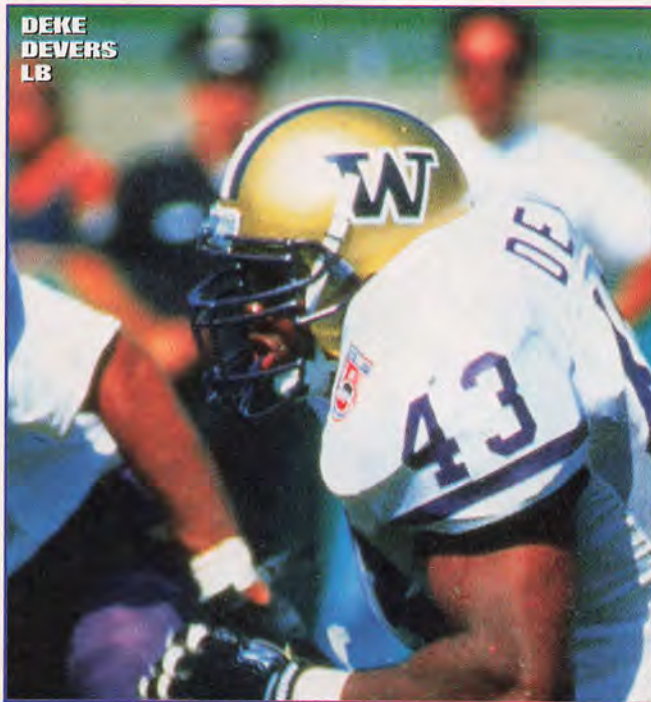
The departure of Kaufman will mean a bigger role for Richard Thomas, the 5-9, 220-pound senior fullback who rushed for 316 yards and three touchdowns last year. Senior Leon Neal and sophomore Rashaan Shehee are the leading candidates to take over the tailback spot.

Three 1994 freshmen who red-shirted their first year in Seattle could become regulars on the offensive line—Tony Coats, Aaron Dalan and Benji Olson. Coats (6-7, 280) was a consensus high school All-America two years ago.

DEFENSE: The Huskies' defenders added bulk and strength in the weight room during the offseason to meet Lambright's plans for an attacking style of play. Junior free safety Lawyer Milloy, the only Washington player to be voted to the first-team All-Pac-10 defense, could vie for All-America honors in 1995.

Milloy's speed and big-hit tackling in the open field prompted Lambright to compare him to former UCLA and Seattle Seahawks great Kenny Easley.

Senior Deke Devers moved from defensive end to linebacker and should improve on his seven sacks of a year ago. Senior cornerback Reggie Reser has earned the respect of opposing quarterbacks, who hesi-



DEKE
DEVERS
LB

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Damon Huard (Sr., 6-4, 215)*	Shane Fortney (So., 6-3, 220)
TB: Leon Neal (Sr., 5-9, 185)	Terry Hollimon (So., 5-9, 200)
FB: Richard Thomas (Sr., 5-9, 220)*	Mike Reed (So., 6-0, 205)
WR: Fred Coleman (So., 6-1, 180)	Andre deSaussure (Fr., 6-2, 200)
WR: Dave Janoski (Jr., 5-10, 180)*	Jerome Pathon (So., 5-11, 170)
TE: Ernie Conwell (Sr., 6-3, 240)	Cameron Cleeland (So., 6-4, 265)
LE: Bob Sapp (Jr., 6-5, 285)	Tony Coats (Fr., 6-7, 280)
LG: Trevor Highfield (Sr., 6-4, 285)*	Mostafa Sobhi (So., 6-5, 285)
C: Lynn Johnson (So., 6-3, 270)	Petrocelli Kesi (So., 6-4, 320)
RG: Patrick Kesi (Sr., 6-3, 315)*	Benji Olson (Fr., 6-4, 300)
RT: Eric Battle (Sr., 6-2, 280)*	Aaron Dalan (Fr., 6-7, 300)

DEFENSE

DE: Jason Chorak (So., 6-4, 250)	Darius Jones (So., 6-3, 200)
DE: Steve Hoffman (Sr., 6-6, 270)*	Sekou Wiggins (So., 6-4, 270)
NT: David Richie (Jr., 6-4, 270)*	Mike Ewaliko (Sr., 6-4, 260)
LB: Deke Devers (Sr., 6-0, 245)*	Josh Smith (Fr., 6-4, 245)
LB: Ink Aleaga (Jr., 6-2, 225)*	John Fiala (Jr., 6-3, 220)
LB: Jerry Jensen (So., 6-2, 225)	Jesse Binkley (Jr., 6-3, 230)
LB: Ikalka Malloo (Jr., 5-11, 200)	Tom Matijacic (Fr., 6-0, 225)
CB: Scott Greenlaw (Sr., 6-0, 195)	Alex Lucson (Jr., 5-9, 170)
CB: Reggie Reser (Sr., 5-10, 185)*	Jovan McCoy (So., 5-9, 180)
SS: Tony Parrish (So., 5-11, 190)	Aaron Nettles (Sr., 6-0, 210)
FS: Lawyer Milloy (Jr., 6-2, 205)*	Chad Wolfe (Fr., 6-3, 195)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: John Wales (Jr., 5-9, 185)*	Randy Jones (Fr., 6-2, 205)
P: Geoff Prince (Jr., 5-10, 190)*	John Wales (Jr., 5-9, 185)

(* denotes returning starter)

tate to throw to his side of the field. **SPECIAL TEAMS:** Randy Jones, whose 59-yard field goal for Ferris High in Spokane was the longest for a prep player in 1994, must boot kickoffs into the end zone, something the Huskies did not do consistently last season because of foot problems to placekicker John Wales. Kaufman's share of the kick-off-return load will be taken up by Neal and Shehee.

RECRUITING: The Huskies added two prime cornerback prospects in Mel "Poncho" Miller and Jermaine Smith, both from Southern California. Miller had 56 tackles, two interceptions and eight

deflections at South Torrance High. Smith, a long jumper who has cleared 21-feet, seven inches, recorded 75 tackles, two interceptions and 13 deflections at Royal High in Simi Valley. Karth Connell, a 270-pound defensive lineman, and 290-pound offensive lineman Olin Kreutz should also blossom.

Highly-touted Brock Huard has joined his brother Damon on the quarterbacking corps, but the 6-5, 220-pounder is almost certain to redshirt this year.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Husky Stadium, Seattle, Wash. (72,500, artificial)
RETURNING STARTERS (14): Offense (6); Defense (6); Specialists (2)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Eric Bjornson, WR (2nd-team All-Pac-10); Mark Bruener, TE (1st-team All-Pac-10); Frank Garcia, OL (1st-team All-Pac-10); Napoleon Kaufman, RB (2nd-team All-America); Andrew Peterson, OL (2nd-team All-Pac-10)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Damon Huard, Sr., 153-275-1,887 yards, 13 TDs, 12 INTs
RUSHING: Richard Thomas, Sr., 73 carries, 316 yards, 3 TDs
RECEIVING (catches): Thomas, 17, 1 TD
RECEIVING (yards): Dave Janoski, Jr., 215
TACKLES: Lawyer Milloy, Jr., 106
SACKS: Deke Devers, Sr., 7
INTERCEPTIONS: Reggie Reser, Sr., 4
PUNTING: Geoff Prince, Jr., 37.2 avg.
KICKING: John Wales, Jr., 18-25 FGs (long 47), 25-28 PATs
SCORING: Wales, 79 points

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . ARIZONA STATE
Sept. 16 . at Ohio State
Sept. 23 . ARMY
Sept. 30 . at Oregon State
Oct. 7 . NOTRE DAME
Oct. 14 . at Stanford
Oct. 21 . at Arizona
Oct. 28 . USC
Nov. 4 . OREGON
Nov. 11 . at UCLA
Nov. 18 . WASHINGTON STATE

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . at USC; lost, 24-17
Sept. 10 . OHIO STATE; won, 25-16
Sept. 24 . at Miami (Fla.); won, 38-20
Oct. 1 . UCLA; won, 37-10
Oct. 8 . SAN JOSE ST.; won, 34-20
Oct. 15 . ARIZONA ST.; won, 35-14
Oct. 22 . at Oregon; lost, 31-20
Oct. 29 . OREGON ST.; won, 24-10
Nov. 5 . at Stanford; lost, 46-28
Nov. 12 . CALIFORNIA; won, 31-19
Nov. 19 . at Wash. St.; lost, 23-6

MILESTONES

- Lawyer Milloy was the first defensive back to lead Washington in tackles since Tony Bonwell in 1972.
- The Huskies' defense accounted for five touchdowns in 1994—three on interception returns—the most by a Washington team since 1987.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- Find a tailback successor to Napoleon Kaufman.
- Pressure by the defensive front.
- Continued development of Damon Huard.

FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif. (104,091, grass)
RETURNING STARTERS (18): Offense (8); Defense (9); Specialists (1)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Darren Schager, P (1st-team All-Pac-10); J.J. Stokes, WR (Pac-10 honorable mention)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Ryan Fien, Jr., 19-38-195 yards, 2 INTs
RUSHING: Sharmon Shah, Jr., 185 carries, 1,227 yards, 4 TDs
RECEIVING (catches): Kevin Jordan, Sr., 73, 7 TDs
RECEIVING (yards): Jordan, 1,228
TACKLES: Donnie Edwards, Sr., 97
SACKS: Edwards, 12.5
INTERCEPTIONS: Edwards, 3
PUNTING: None
KICKING: Bjorn Merten, Jr., 11-19 FGs (long 45), 20-22 PATs
SCORING: Merten, 53

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . MIAMI (Fla.)
Sept. 9 . . . at BYU
Sept. 16 . . . OREGON
Sept. 23 . . . at Washington St.
Sept. 30 . . . FRESNO ST.
Oct. 14 . . . ARIZONA
Oct. 21 . . . at Stanford
Oct. 28 . . . CALIFORNIA
Nov. 4 . . . at Arizona St.
Nov. 11 . . . WASHINGTON
Nov. 18 . . . at USC

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . TENNESSEE; won, 25-23
Sept. 10 . . . SMU; won, 17-10
Sept. 17 . . . at Nebraska; lost, 49-21
Sept. 24 . . . WASH. ST.; lost, 21-0
Oct. 1 . . . at Washington; lost, 37-10
Oct. 8 . . . at California; lost, 26-7
Oct. 15 . . . OREGON ST.; lost, 23-14
Oct. 22 . . . at Arizona; lost, 34-24
Oct. 29 . . . STANFORD; won, 31-30
Nov. 12 . . . at Arizona St.; won, 59-23
Nov. 19 . . . USC; won, 31-19

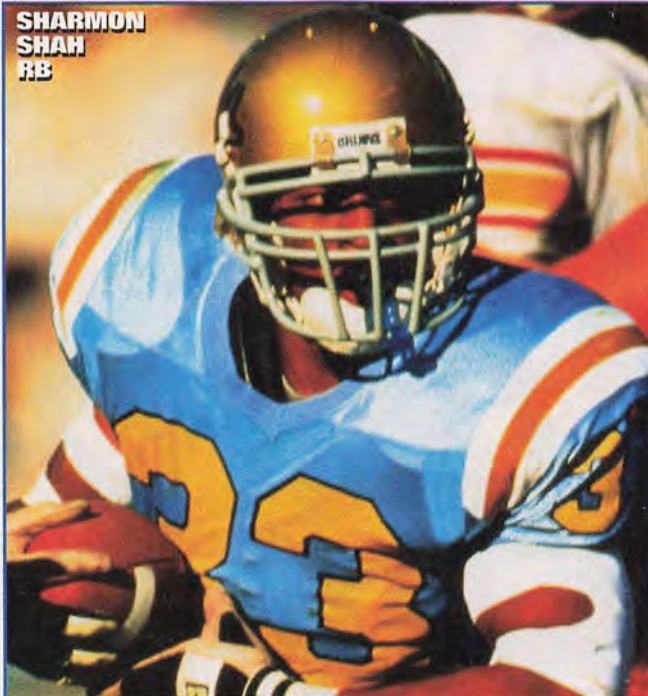
MILESTONES

- WR Kevin Jordan was fourth nationally in receiving yards per game (111.6) and sixth nationally in receptions per game (6.6).
- Jordan's 136 career receptions rank him second on UCLA's all-time list and just six behind leader Sean LaChapelle (1989-92).

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Leadership and quality play at quarterback from Ryan Fien, Rob Walker or Steve Buck.
- ✓ Consistency from an experienced defense.
- ✓ Return to form by kicker Bjorn Merten.

SHARMON SHAH JR.



PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Ryan Fien (Jr., 6-4, 215)	Rob Walker (Sr., 6-3, 230)
TB: Sharmon Shah (Jr., 5-11, 189)*	Skip Hicks (Jr., 6-0, 210)
FB: Greg Ford (So., 5-11, 250)	Jarvis Watson (Fr., 5-11, 215)
WR: Jim McElroy (So., 6-0, 170)	Eric Scott (So., 6-0, 180)
WR: Kevin Jordan (Sr., 6-2, 188)*	Derek Ayers (Jr., 5-10, 189)
TE: Brian Richards (Sr., 6-4, 247)*	Mike Grieb (Fr., 6-3, 230)
LT: Jonathan Ogden (Sr., 6-8, 315)*	Gene Waters (Jr., 6-6, 290)
LB: James Christensen (Sr., 6-3, 270)*	Chad Sauter (So., 6-4, 280)
C: Mike Flanagan (Sr., 6-5, 281)*	Shawn Stuart (Fr., 6-4, 280)
RG: Matt Soenksen (Sr., 6-6, 300)*	Sean Gully (So., 6-6, 279)
RE: Chad Overhauser (So., 6-5, 290)*	Andy Meyers (Fr., 6-6, 310)

DEFENSE

DE: Brady Stretz (Sr., 6-4, 273)*	Gary Walton (Sr., 6-4, 257)
NE: George Kase (Sr., 6-3, 245)*	Danjuan Magee (So., 6-2, 255)
DE: Travis Kirschke (Jr., 6-5, 263)*	Vac Tata (So., 6-3, 240)
LB: Phillip Ward (Jr., 6-3, 225)*	Tim Waddleton (So., 6-4, 220)
LB: Jeff Ruckman (So., 6-3, 224)	Jason Nevadomsky (So., 6-2, 240)
LB: Brian Willmer (So., 6-2, 244)	Larry Atkins (Fr., 6-3, 198)
LB: Donnie Edwards (Sr., 6-4, 216)*	Ryan Neufeld (Fr., 6-4, 205)
CB: Teddy Lawrence (Sr., 5-9, 167)*	Aaron Roques (So., 6-1, 180)
CB: Javellin Guidry (So., 5-10, 165)*	Andy Colbert (Jr., 5-8, 165)
SS: Abdul McCullough (Jr., 6-1, 200)*	Ted Nwoko (Sr., 6-1, 200)
FS: Shaun Williams (So., 6-2, 185)	Paul Guidry (Jr., 5-11, 175)*

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Bjorn Merten (Jr., 6-1, 199)*	Greg Andrasick (Jr., 5-11, 175)
P: Justin Sogolan (Jr., 6-3, 203)	Bjorn Merten (Jr., 6-1, 199)

(* denotes returning starter)

By LYLE SPENCER

It won't take long for Terry Donahue to find out what kind of team—and quarterback—he has in his 20th season as head coach at UCLA. Up first is Miami in the Sept. 2 opener, and the Hurricanes have a history of exposing opponents' weaknesses.

The Bruins embark on a new course offensively in the absence of superlative wide receiver J.J. Stokes and two-year starting quarterback Wayne Cook. Replacing Stokes won't be easy, but All-America candidate Kevin Jordan is a nice place to start.

As for the heir to Cook, it's a three-man derby with junior Ryan Fien the favorite over senior Rob Walker and redshirt freshman Steve Buck.

UCLA's offensive strengths, aside from Jordan, will be an experienced line featuring Outland Trophy candidate Jonathan Ogden at tackle and All-Pac-10 center Mike Flanagan, and at tailback, where Sharmon Shah is the league's top returning rusher.

OFFENSE: Replacing Cook, the Pac-10's third-leading passer last year, is the top priority, but Donahue doesn't appear worried. Making the transition easier for the new quarterback is the presence of (continued on page 172)

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By JAVIER MORALES

The "Quack Attack" has several starters back from last year's team that made the school's first trip to the Rose Bowl since 1958, but the head Duck—coach Rich Brooks—departed for the Rams and the NFL. In fact, almost half the coaching staff left, leaving new coach Mike Bellotti to piece together his own cast.

Bellotti, Oregon's offensive coordinator for five seasons, had to hire a new offensive coordinator, defensive coordinator, wide receivers coach and tight ends/offensive line coach. He aimed high. The defensive coordinator is former Denver Broncos secondary coach Charlie Waters, who starred for the Dallas Cowboys during his NFL career.

"We've had to make more of a transition than I expected," Bellotti said.

At least Oregon won't skip much of a beat with its player personnel. The Ducks lost all-conference quarterback Danny O'Neil, but they return nine starters on offense, including talented skill players Ricky Whittle, Dameron Ricketts and Cristin McLemore. Oregon will miss O'Neil's leadership, but it can be just as potent offensively because of the Ducks' familiarity with Bellotti's program.

OFFENSE: The new quarterback is Tony Graziani, who led the Ducks to a pivotal 22-7 win at USC with O'Neil sidelined by a finger injury. The Ducks seemed to turn the tide with the win after starting the season 2-2, including blowout losses at Hawaii and against Utah.

"Losing a guy like Danny is big, but Tony is an experienced guy and we have so many players back," Bellotti said. "I think our offense came along quite well last year, but I think we can be just as good or better this year."

Graziani can be just an average quarterback and the Ducks would still have one of the best offenses in the Pac-10. All-purpose back Whittle was a first-team All-Pac-10 selection in '94. Ricketts (36 catches, 464 yards) and McLemore (32 catches, eight touchdowns) could evolve into all-conference players, and the offensive line returns all five starters in addition to All-America candidate Josh Wilcox at tight end.

DEFENSE: All-Pac-10 selections Chad Cota and Herman O'Berry are gone, but Bellotti has confidence in his defensive secondary. Kenny Wheaton, one of the top freshmen cornerback in the nation last year, had four interceptions. Alex Molden (three interceptions) returns for his senior year at the other cornerback spot. Dante Lewis, a senior who redshirted with a knee injury last year, will step in at strong safety.

The Ducks' entire linebacking



RICKY WHITTLE
RB

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Tony Graziani (Jr., 6-2, 198)	Ryan Perry-Smith (Jr., 6-1, 198)
TB: Ricky Whittle (Sr., 5-9, 193)	Kevin Parker (Fr., 5-9, 170)
FB: Pulou Malepeai (Jr., 5-11, 220)	Marcel Stewart (Jr., 5-11, 190)
WR: Dameron Ricketts (Jr., 5-9, 177)*	Damon Griffin (So., 5-10, 171)
WR: Cristin McLemore (Sr., 5-11, 181)*	Pat Johnson (So., 5-10, 160)
TE: Josh Wilcox (Jr., 6-2, 238)*	Blake Spence (So., 6-3, 230)
LE: Paul Wiggins (Jr., 6-3, 308)*	Michael Klews (So., 6-5, 304)
LB: Eric Reid (Sr., 6-4, 280)*	Bob Baldwin (Jr., 6-3, 270)
C: Mark Gregg (Jr., 6-3, 266)*	Kyle Strait (So., 6-2, 264)
RG: Paul Malepeai (Jr., 6-2, 340)*	Seaton Dally (So., 6-2, 250)
RT: Willy Rife (Jr., 6-5, 310)*	David Weber (So., 6-4, 296)

DEFENSE

LE: Troy Bailey (Sr., 6-3, 270)*	Matt Reinhardt (So., 6-4, 232)
NE: Bryant Jackson (Jr., 6-1, 280)	Desmond Byrd (So., 6-2, 270)
RE: Mark Schmidt (Jr., 6-2, 272)*	Marty Murphy (Fr., 6-4, 229)
LB: Paul Jensen (Sr., 6-2, 227)*	Derrick Barnes (Jr., 6-1, 235)
LB: Rich Ruhl (Sr., 6-2, 230)*	Curtis Moore (So., 6-1, 218)
LB: Jeremy Asher (Sr., 6-2, 224)*	Jeff Branson (So., 6-3, 218)
LB: Reggie Jordan (Jr., 6-3, 240)*	Derek Allen (Jr., 6-5, 237)
SS: Dante Lewis (Sr., 6-0, 206)	Jaiya Figueras (So., 6-1, 206)
FS: Brian Collins (Sr., 6-0, 212)	Chad Williams (Jr., 6-2, 198)
CB: Alex Molden (Sr., 5-10, 185)*	Isaac Walker (Sr., 5-11, 184)
CB: Kenny Wheaton (So., 5-9, 181)	LaMont Woods (Jr., 5-11, 175)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Matt Belden (So., 5-10, 178)*	Josh Bidwell (Fr., 6-3, 205)
P: Matt Belden (So., 5-10, 178)*	Josh Bidwell (Fr., 6-3, 205)

(* denotes returning starter)

corps returns, including standouts Rich Ruhl and Reggie Jordan (seven sacks as a sophomore last year). Nose tackle Silila Malepeai, whom Bellotti called the spiritual leader of last year's team, is gone, but junior linemen Mark Schmidt (32 tackles, five sacks) and Bryant Jackson and senior Troy Bailey (47 tackles, 4½ sacks, 15 tackles for a loss) provide a sound nucleus to the defensive front.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Oregon's kicking game is solid thanks to Matt Belden, who handled punting, placekicking and kickoff chores as a freshman. Whittle is a return specialist who returned five kickoffs for 230

yards last year, a whopping average of 46 yards per return.

RECRUITING: Oregon went almost entirely the high school route, signing only one junior college player — 6-foot-4, 270-pound defensive lineman Matt Nichols of Cerritos (Calif.) CC.

The Ducks' high-profile signee was All-America quarterback Justin Wilcox of Junction City, Ore. The brother of Ducks tight end Josh Wilcox, Justin threw for 2,210 yards and 21 touchdowns last year.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Autzen Stadium, Eugene, Ore. (41,698, artificial)
RETURNING STARTERS: (16); Offense (8); Defense (7); Specialists (1)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Chad Cota, DB (2nd-team All America); Herman O'Berry, CB (1st-team All-Pac-10); Danny O'Neil, QB (1st-team All-Pac-10)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Tony Graziani, Jr., 37-69-525 yards, 3 TDs, 4 INTs
RUSHING: Ricky Whittle, Sr., 118 carries, 561 yards, 7 TDs
RECEIVING (catches): Dameron Ricketts, Jr., 36, 1 TD
RECEIVING (yards): Cristin McLemore, Sr., 474
TACKLES: Rich Ruhl, Sr., 103
SACKS: Reggie Jordan, Jr., 7
INTERCEPTIONS: Kenny Wheaton, So., 4
PUNTING: Matt Belden, So., 39.6 avg.
KICKING: Belden, 13-20 FGs, 35-36 PATs
SCORING: Belden, 74 points

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . at Utah
Sept. 9 . . . ILLINOIS
Sept. 16 . . . at UCLA
Sept. 23 . . . STANFORD
Oct. 7 . . . PACIFIC
Oct. 14 . . . at California
Oct. 21 . . . WASHINGTON STATE
Oct. 28 . . . ARIZONA STATE
Nov. 4 . . . at Washington
Nov. 11 . . . at Arizona
Nov. 18 . . . OREGON STATE

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . PORTLAND ST.; won, 58-16
Sept. 10 . . . at Hawaii; lost, 36-16
Sept. 17 . . . UTAH; lost, 34-16
Sept. 24 . . . IOWA; won, 40-18
Oct. 1 . . . at USC; won, 22-7
Oct. 8 . . . at Wash. St.; lost, 21-7
Oct. 15 . . . CALIFORNIA; won, 23-7
Oct. 22 . . . WASHINGTON; won, 31-20
Oct. 29 . . . ARIZONA; won, 10-9
Nov. 5 . . . ARIZONA ST.; won, 34-10
Nov. 12 . . . at Stanford; won, 55-21
Nov. 19 . . . at Oregon St.; won, 17-13
Jan. 2 . . . vs. Penn St. in Rose Bowl; lost, 38-20

MILESTONES

■ Senior Cristin McLemore needs 44 catches to pass Ahmad Rashad (131) as the Ducks' all-time leading receiver.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Solid play from new quarterback Tony Graziani.
- ✓ Smooth transition from Rich Brooks to Mike Bellotti.
- ✓ Surviving tough road schedule (at Utah, UCLA, Washington and Arizona).

By LYLE SPENCER

If numerological form holds, 1995 will be a year full of pleasant surprises for California, which has flourished in odd-numbered years in the '90s.

After a heady 10-2 showing in '91, the Golden Bears buckled, finishing 4-7 in '92. No one thought much of their chances in '93, but they rebounded with a 9-4 season and a Top 25 ranking. With hopes high, the Bears fell victim to injuries and crashed in '94, once again winning only four of 11.

With their best players on both sides of the ball—quarterback Dave Barr and second-team All-America linebacker Jerrott Willard gone, it takes an act of faith to project big things in '95.

Still, coach Keith Gilbertson sounds like a man who knows something the rest of us don't know. "We have the best balance of returning starters on both sides of the football since I've been here," Gilbertson said.

Replacing Barr, whose career was hamstrung by injuries, is junior Pat Barnes. The strong-armed Barnes has a terrific pair of wideouts in Iheanyi Uwaezuoke and Na'il Benjamin and a quality runner in Reynard Rutherford. Replacing Willard, the heart and soul of the defense, will be a problem.

OFFENSE: Barnes, filling in for Barr, had a 132.9 pass-efficiency rating. At 6-foot-4 and 210 pounds, Barnes has the size to ward off pass rushers and the arm strength to find deep receivers.

Uwaezuoke and Benjamin combined for 101 receptions last season. The Bears also have a pair of fine tight ends, Sean Bullard and Tony Gonzalez.

Senior Rutherford (6-1, 195) was sixth in the Pac-10 in rushing, and he's backed by sophomore Tarik Smith, whose 4.35 speed makes him a serious outside threat. Brandon Willis and Johnny Tavake (6-0, 240) will battle for the start at fullback.

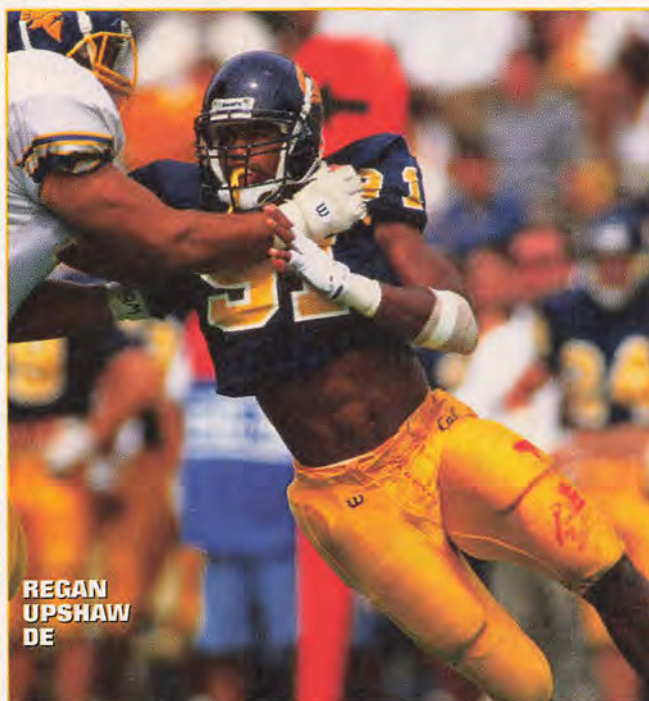
Three starters—Frank Beede, Todd Stewart and Ben Lynch—return on the offensive line. Moving over from the defensive line is 335-pound Tarik Glenn.

"We'll have plenty of offense with the type of talent we have coming back," Gilbertson said. "But we have to stop giving the ball to other teams."

The Bears committed 29 turnovers last season.

DEFENSE: Led by Willard, Cal ranked 13th nationally in defense in '94, giving up 299.9 yards per game. "We are not going to sit back and be passive," defensive coordinator Artie Gigantino said. "We want to create as much pressure as we can, and hopefully that will translate into some turnovers."

Cal's strength will be its interior line, featuring Regan Upshaw, a 250-pound All-America candidate who has 18.5 sacks in two seasons.



REGAN UPSHAW
DE

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Pat Barnes (Jr., 6-4, 210)*	Kerry McGonigal (Sr., 6-3, 215)
TB: Reynard Rutherford (Sr., 6-1, 195)*	Tarik Smith (So., 6-0, 185)
FB: Johnny Tavake (Jr., 6-0, 240)*	Brandon Willis (So., 5-8, 195)
WR: Iheanyi Uwaezuoke (Sr., 6-2, 195)*	Marty Gaskins (Sr., 5-11, 170)
WR: Na'il Benjamin (Jr., 5-11, 185)*	Brian Comer (Jr., 5-11, 185)
TE: Sean Bullard (Jr., 6-3, 225)*	Tony Gonzalez (So., 6-6, 230)
DE: Todd Stewart (Jr., 6-6, 280)*	Brian Shields (So., 6-6, 270)
OG: Frank Beede (Sr., 6-5, 290)*	Drake Parker (So., 6-4, 300)
C: Ben Lynch (Sr., 6-4, 275)*	Caleb Brown (So., 6-4, 285)
OG: Jeremy Becker (Sr., 6-5, 280)	John Welbourn (Fr., 6-6, 280)
DE: Tarik Glenn (Jr., 6-6, 335)	Kursten Sheridan (So., 6-6, 290)

DEFENSE

DE: Regan Upshaw (Jr., 6-4, 240)*	Chris Easley (So., 6-5, 265)
DE: Brandon Whiting (So., 6-3, 270)*	Jeremy Newberry (Fr., 6-5, 275)
DE: Brent Jones (Jr., 6-3, 265)	Evan Collins (Jr., 6-5, 260)
DE: Andy Jacobs (So., 6-3, 250)*	Duane Clemons (Jr., 6-6, 255)
LB: James Stallworth (Sr., 6-4, 220)*	Andre Rhodes (So., 6-1, 225)
LB: Rasheed Hibler (So., 6-2, 240)	Marlon McWilson (So., 6-2, 220)
LB: Maurice Johnson (Sr., 6-0, 235)*	Josh Trowbridge (Fr., 6-4, 215)
CB: Jerod Cherry (Sr., 6-1, 195)*	Rich Richardson (Sr., 6-0, 190)
CB: Kevin Devine (Jr., 5-11, 175)	John Wayne (Jr., 6-0, 190)
SS: Charles Gillum (Jr., 5-9, 200)	Marquis Smith (Fr., 6-3, 195)
FS: Dante DePaola (Sr., 5-10, 190)	Jihad Akbar (So., 6-0, 195)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Ryan Longwell (Jr., 6-0, 180)*	Ignacio Brache (Fr., 5-10, 170)
P: Ryan Longwell (Jr., 6-0, 180)*	Ignacio Brache (Fr., 5-10, 170)

(* denotes returning starter)

Ends Andy Jacobs and Duane Clemons complement Upshaw, with Brandon Whiting (8.5 sacks in '94) anchoring the middle.

Senior Maurice Johnson is the big hope to succeed Willard at inside linebacker. Leading the secondary are corners Jerod Cherry, who has pro potential, and Kevin Devine.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Ryan Longwell was a productive punter, ranking third in the Pac-10 with a 40.8 average, but he hit only eight of 22 field goal attempts. Punt returner Benjamin averaged 10.4 yards a return, 15th nationally. Sprinters Smith, Willis and Jason Sharp will vie for the job of kick returner.

RECRUITING: Heading an impressive class are a pair of freshman tailbacks, Steve Wofford and Deltha O'Neil. Another big quarterback in the Barr-Barnes mold arrives in 6-5, 215-pound Mike Murphy, who comes from the same high school as Trent Dilfer.

Linebacker Nate Geldermann reminds coaches of Willard with his inspirational style. Derrick Gardner was a first-team all-state defensive back, while Ignacio Brache hit field goals from 60, 59, 56, 55 (twice) and 54 yards.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: California Memorial Stadium, Berkeley, Calif. (75,630, grass)

RETURNING STARTERS (16): Offense (9); Defense (6); Specialists (1)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Tyrone Edwards, RB (2nd-team All-Pac-10); Jerrott Willard, LB (1st-team All-Pac-10) fifth-round draft pick of the Kansas City Chiefs

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Pat Barnes, Jr., 65-97-738 yards, 3 TDs, 4 INTs; Kerry McGonigal, Sr., 42-92-425 yards, 2 TDs, 4 INTs

RUSHING: Reynard Rutherford, Sr., 163 carries, 713 yards, 4 TDs

RECEIVING (catches): Iheanyi Uwaezuoke, Sr., 56, 5 TDs

RECEIVING (yards): Uwaezuoke, 716

TACKLES: Regan Upshaw, Jr., 59

SACKS: Upshaw, 11

INTERCEPTIONS: 6 tied with 1

PUNTING: Ryan Longwell, Jr., 40.8 avg.

KICKING: Longwell, 8-22 FGs, 20-21

PATS

SCORING: Longwell, 44 points

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	. . . at San Diego State
Sept. 9	. . . FRESNO STATE
Sept. 23	. . . SAN JOSE STATE
Sept. 30	. . . at Arizona
Oct. 7	. . . USC
Oct. 14	. . . OREGON
Oct. 21	. . . at Oregon State
Oct. 28	. . . at UCLA
Nov. 4	. . . WASHINGTON STATE
Nov. 11	. . . ARIZONA STATE
Nov. 18	. . . at Stanford

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 10	. . . at San Diego St.; lost, 22-20
Sept. 17	. . . HAWAII; lost, 21-7
Sept. 24	. . . ARIZONA ST.; won, 25-21
Oct. 1	. . . SAN JOSE ST.; won, 55-0
Oct. 8	. . . UCLA; won, 26-7
Oct. 15	. . . at Oregon; lost, 23-7
Oct. 22	. . . at USC; lost, 61-0
Oct. 29	. . . WASH. ST.; lost, 26-23
Nov. 5	. . . at Arizona; lost, 13-6
Nov. 12	. . . at Washington; lost, 31-19
Nov. 19	. . . STANFORD; won, 24-23

MILESTONES

Senior WR Iheanyi Uwaezuoke needs 56 catches to pass Mike Caldwell (139) for second place on Cal's all-time career receptions list. Brian Treggs is the all-time leader with 167.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Defense must replace LB Jerrott Willard's manic intensity.
- ✓ Pat Barnes must emerge as a big-time passer.
- ✓ PK Ryan Longwell must improve field goal percentage.

WASHINGTON ST. COUGARS

By LARRY BORTSTEIN

Even with a defense that ranked second in the nation and produced four first-team All-Pac-10 selections, Washington State could not climb up among the West's elite teams. They ended their season with a victory over Baylor in the Alamo Bowl, the last college game for those defensive standouts. Mike Price—who signed a new five-year contract in April—is looking for a better-balanced roster to make a bid for postseason play in 1995.

The offensive line could be the key. Center Marc McCloskey, left tackle Scott Sanderson—both '94 starters—and reserve tight end David Knuff and right tackle Ryan McShane were briefly suspended during spring practice for a brawl outside a fraternity house. But all were back by the end of spring drills.

They will be needed. The swarming defense got to opposing quarterbacks 41 times last season—second only to Arizona's 47 in the Pac-10. But the offense allowed 45 sacks, most in the league.

OFFENSE: The Cougars' 86.5 rushing yards per game were nearly 40 fewer than the next poorest running team—California—in the Pac-10. The lack of a consistent ground game placed too great a burden on quarterback Chad Davis, who was prone to throw interceptions or take sacks at crucial stages. Davis, the Most Valuable Player of the Alamo Bowl, should get more help from the running game this year. And in senior back Jay Dumas and 6-5, 240-pound tight end Eric Moore, he has two proven performers who combined for 74 catches a year ago.

Senior center Marc McCloskey could contend for regional and national honors.

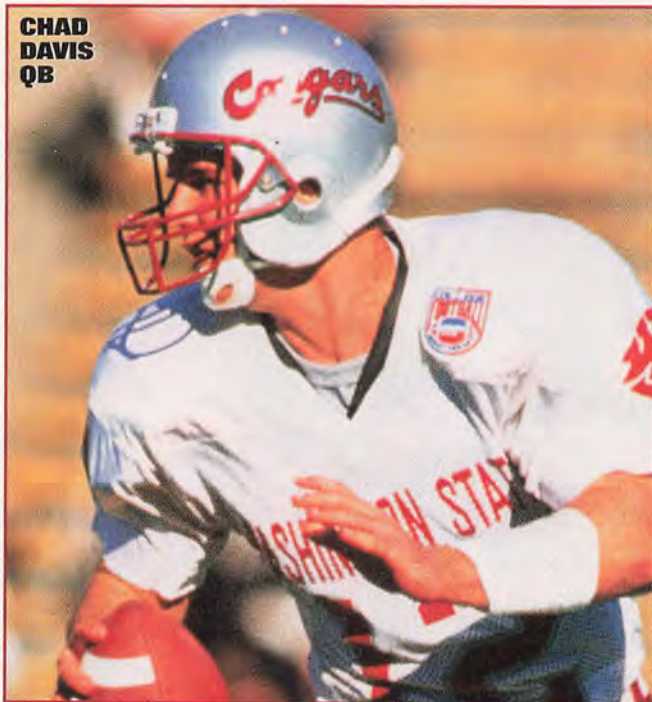
DEFENSE: The defense retains three senior starters. Chief among them is linebacker Chris Hayes, whose 74 tackles last year were third highest on the team—and most among the returnees. Dwayne Sanders, a 6-7, 255-pound defensive end, will inherit more pass-rush responsibility after ranking third on the squad with five sacks last year.

Cornerback Brian Walker won a starting job after three games last year. Mike Sage, a 308-pound red-shirt freshman defensive tackle, is expected to step in and play.

Price is encouraged by eight backup defensive players returning from last season, and only one—end Robert Booth—is a senior. The group also includes junior linebackers James Darling and Johnny Nansen and sophomore Phillip Glover. But none has yet been mentioned in the same sentence as departed middle linebacker Mark Fields, the Pac-10 1994 defensive player of the year.

SPECIAL TEAMS: In Dumas, the Cougars have one of the best

CHAD
DAVIS
QB



PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Chad Davis (Jr., 6-0, 200)*	Ryan Leaf (Fr., 6-6, 218)
RB: Jay Dumas (Sr., 6-2, 170)*	Kearney Adams (Sr., 5-9, 165)
RB: Frank Madu (Sr., 5-9, 170)*	Derek Sparks (Sr., 6-0, 220)
WR: Chad Carpenter (Jr., 6-1, 200)*	Evan Ford (So., 6-3, 178)
WR: Bryant Thomas (So., 6-2, 190)	Shawn McWashington (So., 5-10, 170)
TE: Eric Moore (Sr., 6-5, 240)*	Jeff Thomas (Sr., 6-2, 223)
LT: Scott Sanderson (Jr., 6-7, 290)*	Rob Rainville (Fr., 6-6, 307)
LG: Jason McEndoo (So., 6-6, 285)*	Mike Sage (Fr., 6-3, 308)
C: Marc McCloskey (Sr., 6-4, 308)*	Lee Harrison (So., 6-3, 254)
RG: Zach Edwards (So., 6-4, 284)	Rick Austin (So., 6-3, 338)
RT: John Seukanec (Sr., 6-5, 292)	Stephen Bush (Fr., 6-6, 330)

DEFENSE

DE: Dwayne Sanders (Sr., 6-7, 255)*	Shane Doyle (So., 6-4, 228)
DE: Leon Bender (Jr., 6-5, 289)	Marty Northcroft (Sr., 5-11, 249)
DE: Darryl Jones (Fr., 6-4, 317)	Geoff Pierce (Fr., 6-2, 287)
DE: Robert Booth (Sr., 6-2, 242)	Mark Pimiskern (Jr., 6-2, 220)
LB: Chris Hayes (Sr., 6-0, 202)*	Brandon Moore (So., 6-0, 200)
LB: James Darling (Jr., 6-1, 230)	Phillip Glover (So., 6-1, 210)
LB: Johnny Nansen (Jr., 6-0, 215)	Todd Nelson (So., 6-4, 222)
CB: Brian Walker (Sr., 6-1, 180)*	Shad Hinchin (Jr., 6-0, 175)
CB: Greg Burns (Sr., 5-10, 175)	Terrell Henderson (Jr., 5-11, 178)
SS: Derek Henderson (Jr., 6-0, 200)	Ken Moore (So., 6-0, 184)
FS: Ray Jackson (Jr., 6-2, 203)	Ashanti Hayes (So., 5-10, 184)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Tony Truant (Jr., 5-10, 174)*	Barry Kennard (Jr., 6-1, 190)
P: George Martin (Sr., 6-3, 193)*	David Silberstein (So., 5-10, 166)

(* denotes returning starter)

punt-return men in the Pac-10. Cougar kicking wasn't much to gloat over, however, with punter George Martin averaging 38.8 yards and placekicker Tony Truant, though perfect on extra points, hitting 9 of 18 field-goal attempts.

RECRUITING: The NCAA extended Washington State's probation two more years because of rules infractions involving football and baseball players. Football scholarships were reduced from 25 to 23, thereby limiting the Cougars' chances to replace some of their defensive line stars. Smallish defensive ends Jesse Ratcliff and Eboni Washington represent the extent of

the freshman help in this area.

The Cougars are awash in fast, new running backs, such as James Curtis, a 210-pound transfer from San Diego State who ran for 67 touchdowns and more than 5,000 yards at Kearney High in San Diego. The Cougars were successful in stocking their depleted secondary. In addition to speedy junior-college star Shad Hinchin, they landed Nian Taylor from Riverside, Cal., and Nephtali Drummer the 1994 player of the year in San Francisco County.

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COACH: MIKE PRICE, 8TH YEAR, 35-33;

81-77 OVERALL

'94 RECORD: 8-4 (5-3 CONF.)

FINAL RANKING: NO. 21 AP, NO. 19

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Martin Stadium, Pullman, Wash. (40,000, OmniTurf)
RETURNING STARTERS (13): Offense (8); Defense (3); Specialists (2)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Chad Eaton, DL (3rd-team All-America); Mark Fields, LB (3rd-team All-America); DeWayne Patterson, DL (2nd-team All-America); Don Sasa, DL (1st-team All-Pac-10)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Chad Davis, Jr., 197-339-2,299 yards, 10 TDs, 6 INTs
RUSHING: Frank Madu, Sr., 143 carries, 494 yards, 1 TD
RECEIVING (catches): Jay Dumas, Sr., 41, 1 TD
RECEIVING (yards): Dumas, 402
TACKLES: Chris Hayes, Sr., 74
SACKS: Dwayne Sanders, Sr., 5
INTERCEPTIONS: (tie) Hayes, Brian Walker, Sr., 2
PUNTING: George Martin, Sr., 38.8 avg.
KICKING: Tony Truant, Jr., 9-18 FGs, 19-19 PATs
SCORING: Truant, 46 points

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . at Pittsburgh
 Sept. 9 . . . MONTANA
 Sept. 23 . . . UCLA
 Sept. 30 . . . at Nebraska
 Oct. 7 . . . OREGON ST.
 Oct. 14 . . . at USC
 Oct. 21 . . . at Oregon
 Oct. 28 . . . ARIZONA
 Nov. 4 . . . at California
 Nov. 11 . . . STANFORD
 Nov. 18 . . . at Washington

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 1 . . . at Illinois; won, 10-9
 Sept. 10 . . . FRESNO ST.; won, 24-3
 Sept. 24 . . . at UCLA; won, 21-0
 Oct. 1 . . . at Tennessee; lost, 10-9
 Oct. 8 . . . OREGON; won, 21-7
 Oct. 15 . . . ARIZONA; lost, 10-7
 Oct. 22 . . . at Arizona St.; won, 28-21
 Oct. 29 . . . at California; won, 26-23
 Nov. 5 . . . USC; lost, 23-10
 Nov. 12 . . . at Oregon St.; lost, 21-3
 Nov. 19 . . . WASHINGTON; won, 23-6
 Dec. 31 . . . vs. Baylor in Alamo Bowl; won, 10-3

MILESTONES

■ The Cougars' eight wins marked just the fourth time the team has recorded 8 or more wins since 1931.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Building a defense approaching last year's superior senior-dominated unit.
- ✓ Reducing the number of sacks.
- ✓ Getting more consistent production from the Chad Davis-led offense.

ARIZONA ST.

SUN DEVILS

COACH: BRUCE SNYDER, 4TH YEAR, 15-18;
83-79-5 OVERALL
94 RECORD: 3-8 (2-6 CONF.)

By JAVIER MORALES

Arizona State had a devil of a time staying healthy and winning games in 1994.

The Sun Devils, whose 3-8 record was the school's worst since 1946, were plagued by numerous injuries. That put them at a disadvantage against the likes of Miami (Fla.), Oregon, Washington State and Arizona, the latter of which the Sun Devils lost to, 28-27, after Jon Baker missed on a last-second 47-yard field-goal try.

Hardest hit was the ASU defensive secondary. By halftime of the Oregon game in November, the entire secondary was out due to injuries. True freshmen Thomas Simmons, Jason Simmons and Pat Tillman all received significant playing time.

With 14 starters returning, including eight on offense and junior quarterback Jake Plummer (2,179 yards passing, 15 TDs in '94), coach Bruce Snyder's team should improve if it stays healthy. The Sun Devils' early-season schedule is a scorcher, however. Two of ASU's first three games are at Washington and defending national champion Nebraska.

OFFENSE: ASU will have one of the best passing combinations in the Pac-10 with Plummer and wide receiver Keith Poole, but Snyder must find a running game to make the aerial attack that much more effective. The Sun Devils averaged 128.9 yards rushing a game, ranking eighth in the conference.

"We took our lumps literally with injuries, but the silver lining I guess is that a lot of young guys on our offensive line got an opportunity to play," Snyder said. "Experience on the offensive line is essential, so maybe that will work to our advantage."

Chris Hopkins, who rushed for 680 yards last year, is the leading returner, but redshirt freshman Brian Singleton will get a long look at tailback.

Plummer was the first ASU quarterback in five seasons to throw for more than 2,000 yards. He had a career-best 327 yards in ASU's upset win at BYU. Poole was the only receiver in the Pac-10 who averaged more than 20 yards per catch (21.6), impressive when you consider that group also includes All Americas Keyshawn Johnson (USC) and Kevin Jordan (UCLA).

DEFENSE: ASU needed some good news after finishing last in the conference in total defense (440.8 yards per game) and ninth in scoring defense (31.5 points). They got it when inside linebacker Justin Drago was granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA.

Dragoo, who missed most of the last three seasons with knee injuries, has 94 tackles and three intercep-



CHRIS HOPKINS
RB

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Jake Plummer (Jr., 6-2, 189)*	Jason Verdugo (So., 6-1, 185)
RB: Chris Hopkins (Sr., 6-0, 189)*	Terry Battle (So., 5-11, 189)
RB: Ryan Wood (Sr., 5-11, 223)	Jeff Paulk (Fr., 6-1, 244)
WR: Keith Poole (Jr., 6-2, 177)*	Joe Robertson (So., 6-2, 185)
WR: Isaiah Mustafa (Jr., 6-4, 208)	Dedrick McCartney (Sr., 5-10, 174)
TE: Steve Bush (Jr., 6-3, 254)*	Devin Kendall (Jr., 6-2, 240)
IE: Juan Roque (Jr., 6-8, 313)*	Anthony Jones (So., 6-4, 295)
LG: Kyle Murphy (So., 6-4, 262)	Mike Barnes (Fr., 6-2, 279)
C: Kirk Robertson (Jr., 6-5, 294)*	Grey Ruegamer (Fr., 6-5, 278)
RG: Pat Thompson (Jr., 6-1, 303)*	Randy Leapheart (Fr., 6-2, 270)
RE: Glen Gable (So., 6-5, 281)*	Troy Davis (Fr., 6-4, 255)

DEFENSE

DE: Brent Burnstein (Jr., 6-8, 241)*	Mike Langridge (Sr., 6-4, 242)
DE: Shawn Swayda (Jr., 6-4, 273)*	Mike Stevens (Jr., 6-2, 262)
DE: Mike Balian (Sr., 6-1, 266)	Jason Reynolds (So., 6-2, 275)
DE: Malchi Crawford (So., 6-4, 245)	Albrey Battle (Fr., 6-3, 279)
LB: Justin Drago (Sr., 6-3, 231)	Sam Santana (Sr., 5-11, 223)
LB: Ty Wade (So., 6-2, 232)	Chris Finn (Jr., 6-4, 220)
LB: Harlen Rashada (Sr., 6-2, 201)*	Damien Richardson (So., 6-1, 196)
CB: Marcus Soward (Sr., 5-11, 179)*	Jason Simmons (So., 5-10, 177)
CB: Traivon Johnson (Jr., 6-0, 186)	Lamont Morgan (Fr., 6-0, 192)
SS: Lee Cole (Sr., 6-0, 191)*	Pat Tillman (So., 5-11, 200)
FS: Thomas Simmons (So., 5-11, 176)	Darrell LeBlanc (So., 6-0, 199)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Robert Nycz (Jr., 6-0, 180)	Marcus Williams (So., 6-1, 208)
P: Lance Anderson (Jr., 6-1, 208)*	Marcus Williams (So., 6-1, 208)

(* denotes returning starter)

tions in 15 career starts. His return is essential with the departure of Jason Kyle and Dan Lucas. The two combined for 212 tackles in Drago's place last season.

"This is great for college football and great for Sun Devil football," Snyder said of the eligibility extension.

Senior Marcus Soward is an all-conference candidate at cornerback in a very young ASU secondary.

SPECIAL TEAMS: ASU has a good pair of kick returners in Terry Battle and Hopkins, both of whom averaged over 20 yards a return last season. Junior Lance Anderson (38.9 yards per punt) also returns.

The placekicking duties fall to

sophomore Robert Nycz, who set a school record with 96 points last year at Bakersfield (Calif.) Community College.

RECRUITING: The Sun Devils placed an emphasis on attracting wide receivers and made a big catch with Parade All-America Kenny Mitchell of Peoria, Ariz. The 6-foot-4, 190-pound Mitchell caught 41 passes for 800 yards last season. ASU signed four other top-notch receivers, including all-purpose athlete J.R. Redmond of Carson, Calif.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Sun Devil Stadium, Tempe, Ariz. (73,656, grass)

RETURNING PLAYERS (14): Offense (8); Defense (5); Specialists (1)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Jon Baker, PK (2nd-team All-Pac-10); Jeff Kyser, OL (2nd-team All-Pac-10); Ken Talanoa, DL (2nd-team All-Pac-10)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Jake Plummer, Jr., 159-

294-2,179 yards, 15 TDs, 9 INTs

RUSHING: Chris Hopkins, Sr., 169

carries, 680 yards, 2 TDs

RECEIVING (catches): Keith Poole, Jr., 31, 6 TDs

RECEIVING (yards): Poole, 669

TACKLES: Harlen Rashada, Sr., 51

SACKS: Mike Landridge, Jr., 3

INTERCEPTIONS: Marcus Soward, Sr., 2

PUNTING: Lance Anderson, Jr., 38.9 avg.

KICKING: None

SCORING: Poole, 36 points (6 TDs)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . at Washington

Sept. 9 . . . UTEP

Sept. 16 . . . at Nebraska

Sept. 23 . . . OREGON STATE

Sept. 30 . . . at USC

Oct. 7 . . . STANFORD

Oct. 14 . . . BYU

Oct. 28 . . . at Oregon

Nov. 4 . . . UCLA

Nov. 11 . . . at California

Nov. 24 . . . ARIZONA

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . OREGON ST.; won, 22-16

Sept. 10 . . . MIAMI (FLA.); lost, 47-10

Sept. 17 . . . LOUISVILLE; lost, 25-22

Sept. 24 . . . at California; lost, 25-21

Oct. 8 . . . STANFORD; won, 36-35

Oct. 15 . . . at Washington; lost, 35-14

Oct. 22 . . . WASH. ST.; lost, 28-21

Oct. 29 . . . at BYU; won, 36-15

Nov. 5 . . . at Oregon; lost, 34-10

Nov. 12 . . . UCLA; lost, 59-23

Nov. 25 . . . at Arizona; lost, 28-27

MILESTONES

■ QB Jake Plummer needs 904 yards to pass Todd Hons (1982-'83) and move into the top five on ASU's all-time passing list. Only a junior, Plummer is 2,888 yards behind all-time leader and former Dallas Cowboy Danny White (1971-'73).

■ The Sun Devils played nine true freshmen last season, one of the highest totals in the program's history.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Remain injury-free.
- ✓ Marked improvement on defense.
- ✓ An all-conference season from QB Jake Plummer.

By LARRY BORTSTEIN

Oregon State is turning the corner, largely because of an array of fleet running backs who can turn the corners. You see, passing has become almost passe in the Corvallis, Oregon. Oregon State ranked last of 107 teams in Division I-A last year in both passing (53.4 yards per game) and in touchdown passes (one).

Jerry Pettibone, in his fifth year as head coach, talks about developing a passing game. But he keeps adding option quarterbacks and running backs to a lineup which ranked fifth nationally in rushing a year ago.

Still, coming off back-to-back four-victory seasons, the Beavers have shed their doormat label. They stunned UCLA and Washington State in 1994 and opened up a 13-2 lead on USC before falling to the Trojans, 27-19.

OFFENSE: A 57-yard pass play from quarterback Don Shanklin to right halfback Cameron Reynolds during the Beavers' victory over Pacific represented Oregon State's only score through the air last year. But Shanklin ran for 630 yards, 159 of them against UCLA.

The Beavers averaged 279.3 yards on the ground, nearly 100 yards per game more than Washington, the Pac-10's rushing runnerup.

Tim Alexander, who took over against USC when Shanklin was injured, drove the Trojans crazy with 117 yards on 17 rushes until a fractured collarbone kept him out the remainder of the season. The NCAA has given Alexander back his freshman year, so he has four remaining seasons of eligibility.

Mark Olford, who injured a knee in 1994, also has received a medical hardship redshirt and is back for his senior year. He started at quarterback in 1992 and at wide receiver in 1993, but is expected to see most of his action this year at left halfback, replacing departed J. J. Young.

Charles Hatcher, a defensive tackle as a freshman in 1993, has switched to offense after spending 1994 in junior college to regain his academic eligibility. Hatcher, a 280-pounder, figures to line up at right guard this year. The right tackle will either be Phil Lafler or Larry Ramirez, while the left tackle slot is owned by 6-7, 288-pound senior Tim Camp.

DEFENSE: The strength of the Beavers' defense is on the line, where three starters are back, including nose guard Tom Holmes, a 271-pound senior.

Some position switches figure to help the Beavers' secondary, which lost two four-year starters. Former quarterback Adrian Woodson has been moved to strong safety with sophomore Larry Bumpus, and Sean Williams, a freshman wide receiver who redshirted last year, is now a cornerback behind junior Buster Elahee, who was an All America two years ago. They will work with

CAMERON REYNOLDS RB



PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Don Shanklin (Jr., 5-11, 194)*	Rahim Muhammad (Jr., 5-9, 185)
RB: Mark Olford (Sr., 5-8, 186)	Clemente Sainten (Jr., 5-9, 176)
RB: J.D. Stewart (Sr., 6-1, 219)*	Sedrick Thomas (Sr., 5-11, 227)
RB: Cameron Reynolds (Sr., 6-0, 203)*	Shayzar Hawkins (Sr., 5-11, 183)
WR: Terrance Blackwell (So., 5-10, 182)	Sylvester Green (Jr., 5-11, 206)
TE: Justin Moore (Sr., 6-8, 252)*	Brad Barcroft (Sr., 6-3, 239)
LE: Tim Camp (Sr., 6-7, 288)*	Grant Forman (Jr., 6-3, 273)
LG: Darin Bortler (Sr., 6-3, 289)*	Trey Hyde (So., 6-5, 272)
C: Jeff Miller (Jr., 6-0, 262)	Jamie Critchlow (Jr., 6-2, 275)
RG: Brad Thompson (Jr., 6-2, 330)	Jarrod Owens (Jr., 6-5, 304)
RE: Phil Lafler (Sr., 6-5, 278)	Larry Ramirez (Fr., 6-4, 260)

DEFENSE

DE: Tony Huot (Jr., 6-4, 261)*	David Kieple (Sr., 6-7, 276)*
NG: Tom Holmes (Sr., 6-1, 271)*	Dantayen Myers (Sr., 6-2, 274)
DE: Ahmani Johnson (Sr., 6-2, 255)	Clint Rust (Sr., 6-4, 265)
LB: Bryan Ludwick (Jr., 6-12, 220)	Baron McGuin (Jr., 6-2, 205)
LB: John Fairbank (Sr., 6-2, 225)	Nathan McAtee (So., 6-4, 233)
LB: Kane Rogers (Sr., 6-0, 229)*	Anthony Murray (So., 6-1, 212)
LB: Keiron Sykes (So., 6-1, 219)	Bryan Jones (Fr., 6-4, 192)
CB: Buster Elahee (Jr., 6-0, 160)*	Sean Williams (Fr., 5-9, 189)
CB: Marc Williams (Jr., 5-9, 168)	Andrae Holland (Fr., 5-10, 168)
SS: Larry Bumpus (So., 5-11, 193)	Adrian Woodson (So., 5-10, 185)
FS: Reggie Tongue (Sr., 6-0, 194)*	Armon Hatcher (Fr., 6-0, 202)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Randy Lund (So., 6-0, 187)*	Doug Stuckey (Jr., 5-11, 185)
P: Doug Stuckey (Jr., 5-11, 185)*	Bret Hopkins (Fr., 6-4, 192)

(* denotes returning starter)

incumbent senior free safety Reggie Tongue, who tied NCAA and Pac-10 records last year by returning three interceptions for touchdowns—two against Wyoming.

The Beavers return only one line-backer from 1994, but Pettibone calls 229-pound senior Kane Rogers "the heart and soul of our defense."

SPECIAL TEAMS: Junior Doug Stuckey's 33.7 yards-per-punt average ranked last among Pac-10 punters last year, the Beavers' kickoff return average was the poorest in the conference and placekicker Randy Lund missed six of his 27 extra-point tries. Oddly, Lund made six of his seven field goal attempts, one from 45 yards out.

RECRUITING: Oregon State's recruiting class, its best in years, was rated 20th nationally by one publication and third best—behind only USC and Arizona—in the Pac-10. The most impressive newcomer is Brandon Reynolds, Cameron's younger brother. Cobbe Davis, a 10.3 sprinter from Texas, is a wide receiver and kick returner.

Linebacker seems to be strengthened with the addition of freshmen recruits Jonathan Jackson, Emeka Nwadiogbu and Aaron Wells.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Parker Stadium, Corvallis, Ore. (35,547, artificial)
RETURNING STARTERS (14): Offense (6); Defense (6); Specialists (2)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: John Feinga, OL (2nd-team All-Pac-10); J.J. Young, RB (2nd-team All-Pac-10)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Don Shanklin, Jr., 29-73-560 yards, 1 TD, 2 INTs
RUSHING: Shanklin, 132 carries, 630 yards, 6 TDs
RECEIVING (catches): Cameron Reynolds, Sr., 10
RECEIVING (yards): Reynolds, 231
TACKLES: Kane Rogers, Sr., 89
SACKS: Rogers, 7
INTERCEPTIONS: Reggie Tongue, Sr., 5
PUNTING: Doug Stuckey, Jr., 33.7 avg.
KICKING: Randy Lund, So., 6-7 FGs (long 45); 21-27 PATs
SCORING: Lund, 39 points

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . IDAHO
Sept. 9 . . at Pacific
Sept. 16 . . at N. Texas
Sept. 23 . . at Arizona St.
Sept. 30 . . WASHINGTON
Oct. 7 . . at Wash. St.
Oct. 21 . . CALIFORNIA
Oct. 28 . . at Stanford
Nov. 4 . . ARIZONA
Nov. 11 . . USC
Nov. 18 . . at Oregon

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . at Arizona St.; lost, 22-16
Sept. 10 . . WYOMING; won, 44-31
Sept. 17 . . at Fresno St.; lost, 24-14
Oct. 1 . . at Arizona; lost, 30-10
Oct. 8 . . USC; lost, 27-19
Oct. 15 . . at UCLA; won, 23-14
Oct. 22 . . STANFORD; lost, 35-29
Oct. 29 . . at Washington; lost, 24-10
Nov. 5 . . PACIFIC; won, 24-12
Nov. 12 . . WASH. ST.; won, 21-3
Nov. 19 . . OREGON; lost, 17-13

MILESTONES

- Oregon State's 21-3 victory over Washington State, ranked 24th in the country at the time, was the Beavers' first win over a ranked team in the Pettibone era.
- Reggie Tongue became only the second player in Pac-10 history to return three interceptions for touchdowns in one season. USC's Charles Phillips did it in 1974.
- The Beavers' three victories at home were their highest total in Corvallis since 1988.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Develop enough of a passing game to keep defenses honest.
- ✓ Improve the kicking game.
- ✓ Team depth must improve.

By **BRENDAN HEALEY**

You don't have to be a genius to replace Bill Walsh; you just need a strong running game. That's the philosophy Tyrone Willingham will take into his first season as head coach in Stanford.

Walsh has departed after a not-so-genius-like return stint with the Cardinal (17-17-1 in three seasons) and has been replaced by Willingham, a former Stanford assistant and most recently the Minnesota Vikings' running backs coach. Willingham coached under Dennis Green at both Stanford and Minnesota and has vowed a return to the physical style Green preached during his years with the Cardinal.

Look for earth-moving linemen and bulldozing running backs to key Willingham's rebuilding job. It's a philosophical change but also one dictated by personnel. For the first time in four years, Stanford will break in a new quarterback, and the Cardinal has an unusually strong cadre of running backs.

"We want to be just a little more of a running team," Willingham said. "That will help us all around."

OFFENSE: Junior Tim Carey (6-foot-4, 195 pounds) will likely battle senior Mark Butterfield (6-4, 215) to replace four-year starter Steve Stenstrom at quarterback. Scott Frost, the heir apparent under Walsh, transferred to Nebraska in the offseason. His main target will be junior wide receiver Brian Manning, a burner who averaged 19.5 yards per catch.

Junior Mike Mitchell started quickly last year, rushing for 315 yards in the first two games, but hurt his ankle in the third game and was lost for the rest of the season. Sophomore Anthony Bookman stepped up and reeled off 577 yards, including 100-yard plus games against UCLA and Washington.

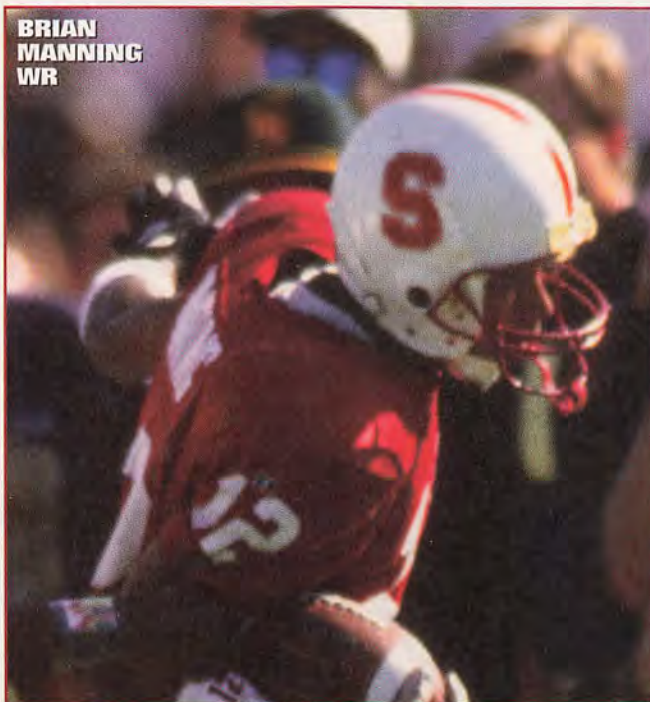
Junior fullbacks Greg Comella and Adam Salina came to Stanford as highly regarded preps and could key a return to a more power-oriented offense. Comella, who suffered a serious knee injury in the season opener last year, sat out spring contact drills but is expected back in the fall.

DEFENSE: A soft defense should be even better this season. Not only do nine starters return, but the nonsense Willingham should also insert some spine into what was at times a disheartened group.

"We want to have an aggressive, big team that can go out and physically play with people," Willingham said. "We want guys who can go out and hit people."

Willingham will build the defense around senior defensive tackle Pete Swanson (6-5, 290) and senior defensive end Jason White. Swanson had six sacks in six

BRIAN MANNING
WR



PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Mark Butterfield (Sr., 6-4, 215)	Tim Carey (Jr., 6-4, 195)
RB: Anthony Bookman (So., 5-9, 170)*	Mike Mitchell (Jr., 6-0, 210)
RB: Adam Salina (Jr., 6-3, 250)*	Greg Comella (Jr., 6-1, 215)
WR: Brian Manning (Jr., 5-11, 177)*	Andre Kirwan (Sr., 6-2, 185)
WR: Mark Harris (Sr., 6-4, 190)	Marlon Evans (Sr., 6-0, 180)
TE: Tommy Hanson (Jr., 6-5, 230)	Derek Hubbard (Jr., 6-3, 220)
LE: Jeff Buckley (Sr., 6-5, 285)	Erik Herrling (Sr., 6-6, 280)
LE: Ryan Waters (Sr., 6-5, 270)	Geoff Wilson (So., 6-6, 275)
C: T.J. Gaynor (Sr., 6-4, 280)*	Andrew Kroecker (So., 6-4, 295)
RG: Brad Badger (Jr., 6-4, 270)*	Clark Masters (Sr., 6-3, 260)
RT: Nathan Parks (Sr., 6-8, 295)	Ken Loncar (Sr., 6-7, 270)

DEFENSE

DE: Jason White (Sr., 6-3, 240)*	Carl Hansen (So., 6-5, 265)
DE: Pete Swanson (Sr., 6-5, 290)*	David Carder (Sr., 6-5, 275)
DE: John Hebert (Sr., 6-5, 280)	Steve Frost (Sr., 6-2, 260)
DE: Kaitlee Wong (So., 6-4, 250)	Bryan Werner (Jr., 6-5, 255)
LB: Brian Batson (Jr., 6-4, 225)*	Nicodemus Watts (Jr., 6-4, 210)
LB: Mike Hall (Sr., 6-2, 230)*	Ian Brown (Jr., 5-7, 197)
LB: Justin Strand (Jr., 6-2, 225)	Justin Morabito (Sr., 6-1, 229)
CB: Leroy Pruitt (Jr., 5-9, 170)*	Kwame Ellis (Sr., 5-10, 180)
CB: Jami Webb (Sr., 5-9, 170)*	Corey Hill (So., 6-0, 205)
SS: Kadar Hamilton (So., 6-0, 200)*	Eliel Swinton (Jr., 5-11, 190)*
FS: Charles Young (Jr., 5-11, 195)*	John Henton (Sr., 6-2, 190)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Eric Abrams (Sr., 5-8, 165)*	Kevin Miller (So., 6-0, 185)
P: Kevin Miller (So., 6-0, 185)	Eric Abrams (Sr., 5-8, 165)

(* denotes returning starter)

games, and White had four in eight.

Stanford boasts a number of experienced defensive backs. Starting cornerbacks Leroy Pruitt and Jami Webb are back, as are safeties Charlie Young and Kadar Hamilton.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Senior Eric Abrams came to Stanford as the top high school kicker in the country and had an outstanding freshman year, but he has struggled ever since (nine of 18 in 1994). He missed a potential game-winning chip shot in last year's season-opener against Northwestern and eventually lost his job to Aaron Mills while struggling with a back injury. If Abrams regains his health and confidence,

he should be one of the top kickers in the country.

RECRUITING: Willingham was unable to recruit for Stanford until the Vikings were knocked out of the playoffs. Nonetheless, he managed to bring in a respectable haul. Stanford landed two serviceable quarterbacks, Tim Smith (6-4, 200) of Caolinga, Calif., and Chad Hutchinson of Torrey Pines, Calif., but missed out on superstar Brock Huard, who chose Washington. Hutchinson was also one of the best high school pitchers in the nation.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Stanford Stadium, Stanford, Calif. (85,000, grass)
RETURNING STARTERS (15): Offense (5); Defense (9); Specialists (1)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Justin Armour, WR (1st-team All-Pac-10); Tony Cline, TE (2nd-team All-Pac-10); Jason Fisk, DL (2nd-team All-Pac-10); Steve Stenstrom, QB (2nd-team All-Pac-10)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Mark Butterfield, Sr., 5-11-72 yards, 1 INT
RUSHING: Anthony Bookman, So., 129 carries, 577 yards, 7 TDs
RECEIVING (catches): Brian Manning, Jr., 46, 5 TDs
RECEIVING (yards): Manning, 899
TACKLES: Kadar Hamilton, So., 60
SACKS: Pete Swanson, Sr., 6
INTERCEPTIONS: Leroy Pruitt, Jr., 4
PUNTING: None
KICKING: Eric Abrams, Sr., 9-18 FGs (long 50), 28-31 PATs
SCORING: Abrams, 55 points

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . at San Jose State
Sept. 9 . . . at Utah
Sept. 16 . . . WISCONSIN
Sept. 23 . . . at Oregon
Oct. 7 . . . at Arizona State
Oct. 14 . . . WASHINGTON
Oct. 21 . . . UCLA
Oct. 28 . . . OREGON STATE
Nov. 4 . . . at USC
Nov. 11 . . . at Washington State
Nov. 18 . . . CALIFORNIA

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 10 . . . at Northwestern; tied, 41-41
Sept. 17 . . . SAN JOSE ST.; won, 51-20
Sept. 24 . . . ARIZONA; lost, 34-10
Oct. 1 . . . at Notre Dame; lost, 34-15
Oct. 8 . . . at Arizona St.; lost, 36-35
Oct. 15 . . . USC; lost, 27-20
Oct. 22 . . . at Oregon St.; won, 35-29
Oct. 29 . . . at UCLA; lost, 31-30
Nov. 5 . . . WASHINGTON; won, 46-28
Nov. 12 . . . OREGON; lost, 55-21
Nov. 19 . . . at California; lost, 28-27

MILESTONES

- A loss to longtime rival California would give the Cardinal its first three-game losing streak to the Golden Bears since 1958-'60.
- Brian Manning's 20.3 yards-per-catch is second all-time at Stanford to Bob Blunt (21.1 from 1964-'66)

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Healthy transition to pounding running game under new head coach Tyrone Willingham.
- ✓ Finding offensive leadership with QB Steve Stenstrom graduated.
- ✓ Reviving an inconsistent defensive unit.



Texas A&M junior Leeland McElroy could make a run at both the Heisman Trophy and a national championship this season.

PROJECTED ORDER OF FINISH

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| 1. Texas A&M | 5. TCU |
| 2. Texas | 6. Rice |
| 3. Texas Tech | 7. SMU |
| 4. Baylor | 8. Houston |

All-SWC Offense

POSITION/PLAYER	YR.	HT./WT.	COLLEGE
QB Max Knake	Sr.	6-1/195	TCU
RB Leeland McElroy	Jr.	5-11/196	Texas A&M
RB Andre Davis	Sr.	5-9/185	TCU
WR Sheldon Bass	So.	5-10/175	Texas Tech
WR Mike Adams	Sr.	6-1/180	Texas
TE Brian Collins	Jr.	6-5/220	TCU
OL Chris Cooley	Sr.	6-5/290	Rice
OL Calvin Collins	Jr.	6-3/299	Texas A&M
OL Fred Miller	Sr.	6-7/283	Baylor
OL Dan Neil	Jr.	6-2/283	Texas
C Brannon Kidd	Jr.	6-4, 275	SMU

All-SWC Defense

POSITION/PLAYER	YR.	HT./WT.	COLLEGE
DL Brandon Mitchell	Jr.	6-4/271	Texas A&M
DL Tony Brackens	Jr.	6-4/230	Texas
DL Tony Daniels	Jr.	6-3/230	Texas Tech
LB Reggie Brown	Sr.	6-2/227	Texas A&M
LB Zach Thomas	Sr.	6-0/232	Texas Tech
LB LaCurtis Jones	Sr.	6-0/195	Baylor
LB Larry Izzo	Sr.	6-0/210	Rice
DB Ray Mickens	Sr.	5-8/176	Texas A&M
DB Donovan Greer	Jr.	5-10/172	Texas A&M
DB Adrian Robinson	Sr.	6-2/210	Baylor
DB Marcus Coleman	Sr.	6-2/201	Texas Tech

All-SWC Special Teams

POSITION/PLAYER	YR.	HT./WT.	COLLEGE
PK Phil Dawson	So.	5-11/191	Texas
P Jason Stoft	Sr.	6-0/185	Houston
RS Leeland McElroy	Jr.	5-11/196	Texas A&M

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Leeland McElroy, Texas A&M

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Brandon Mitchell, Texas A&M

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Ricky Williams, RB, Texas

By JONATHAN FEIGEN

Don't think the Aggies aren't more than a little ticked off at all those schools—five, count 'em, five—parading around with SWC championship rings. Texas A&M has not lost a conference game in four seasons. But after three consecutive titles, won by a minimum of two games, A&M was not included in last season's standings because of NCAA sanctions. A&M would have been 2½ games ahead of the quint-champions.

Expect the Aggies to seek revenge for those that took the title, not to mention push themselves for the final championship in a league they have dominated in the '90s. It will not be automatic, however. The offensive line will have to be rebuilt for the second straight season, and the defense must replace its big-play linebacker for the second consecutive year.

OFFENSE: After waiting for Greg Hill and then Rodney Thomas to move on, tailback Leeland McElroy, considered the most spectacular of the three, finally will carry the load in the backfield. McElroy, already the nation's top kick returner with 301 yards on just six returns (50.2 avg.), should be a legitimate Heisman candidate. And unlike Hill and Thomas, he won't have to share time with other established backs.

But for McElroy to show all that breakaway speed, the A&M line will have to develop again. Calvin Collins, having moved back from center to guard, is an All-America candidate. But the Aggies must hope tackles Hunter Goodwin and Chris Ruhman develop into stars.

Senior quarterback Corey Pullig, a starter since midway through his freshman year, improved markedly under new offensive coordinator Steve Ensminger and should develop into an outstanding passer as a senior. Receiver Aaron Oliver, hurt during last season's two-a-days, could become a needed deep threat with Danny McCray and Kevin Beirne.

DEFENSE: For the second consecutive season, the Aggies lost the league's most feared blitz, Antonio Armstrong, who followed Marcus Buckley. There has been a long line of blitz specialists to run through coach R.C. Slocum's 3-4 defense, and though his last two have been among the best, Slocum seems sure he can plug the next star right in.

Keith Mitchell fits the mold, but many believe inside linebacker Trent Driver might have more potential. Larry Walker and Reggie Brown are both coming off outstanding seasons and should keep the linebacker tradition rolling.

All-SWC first-team junior defensive end Brandon Mitchell (nine sacks, 22 for a loss) and junior nose guard Edward Jasper were surprise stars last season, their first as starters.

The secondary returns intact, with



LEELAND MCELROY RB

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Corey Pullig (Sr., 6-3, 205)*	Stormy Case (Jr., 6-0, 188)
TB: Leeland McElroy (Jr., 5-11, 202)	Michael Williams (Fr., 5-10, 211)
FB: Detron Smith (Sr., 6-0, 230)	Nick Murrell (Jr., 6-0, 226)
WR: Danny McCray (Jr., 6-0, 185)	Chris Sanders (Sr., 6-4, 222)*
WR: Kevin Beirne (Jr., 6-3, 186)	Aaron Oliver (Fr., 6-2, 191)
TE: Hayward Clay (Sr., 6-4, 256)	Daniel Campbell (Fr., 6-6, 252)
CE: Chris Ruhman (So., 6-6, 290)	Jason Flegance (Fr., 6-5, 300)
LG: James Brooks (Sr., 6-4, 278)	Steve McKinney (So., 6-5, 274)
C: David Vazquez (Fr., 6-3, 264)	Koby Hackrad (So., 6-5, 271)
RG: Calvin Collins (Jr., 6-3, 290)*	Don Brown (Fr., 6-5, 287)
RE: Hunter Goodwin (Sr., 6-5, 282)*	Robert Danklefs (Jr., 6-4, 280)

DEFENSE

DE: Brandon Mitchell (Jr., 6-4, 275)*	Zerick Rollins (So., 6-3, 255)
NE: Edward Jasper (Jr., 6-4, 291)*	Marcus Heard (So., 6-3, 289)
DE: Brad Crowley (So., 6-5, 258)	David Maxwell (So., 6-4, 277)
LB: Reggie Brown (Sr., 6-2, 232)*	Warrick Holdman (Fr., 6-1, 223)
LB: Larry Walker (Jr., 6-2, 231)*	Phillip Meyers (So., 6-1, 216)
LB: Trent Driver (So., 6-3, 222)	Dat Nguyen (Fr., 6-1, 213)
LB: Keith Mitchell (Jr., 6-3, 223)	Chris Colon (Jr., 6-3, 240)
CB: Ray Mickens (Sr., 5-8, 177)*	Andre Williams (Jr., 5-9, 176)
CB: Donovan Greer (Jr., 5-10, 178)*	Andre Williams (Jr., 5-9, 176)
SS: Tysail McMullen (Jr., 6-2, 197)	Shun Horn (Fr., 5-11, 182)
FS: Dennis Allen (Sr., 6-2, 198)*	Sherrod Wyatt (Jr., 6-2, 189)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Kyle Bryant (So., 5-7, 180)*	Shane Lechler (Fr., 6-3, 220)
P: Sean Terry (Sr., 6-2, 232)*	Manoli Venetoulis (So., 5-8, 178)

(* denotes returning starter)

cornerbacks Donovan Greer and Ray Mickens giving Slocum the luxury to play the man coverage and blitz schemes he loves. Dennis Allen is also a proven ball-hawk.

SPECIAL TEAMS: To say Kyle Bryant was born to play for A&M is no overstatement. He holds the last name of former A&M coach Paul "Bear" Bryant and was named after Kyle Field. He did not disappoint in his first season as A&M kicker, hitting 17-of-25 field-goal attempts.

And McElroy, for the second consecutive season, was the nation's most feared return man. He has four career kickoff returns for touchdowns, two off Anthony

Davis' NCAA record. Even with teams avoiding McElroy, A&M averaged 27.8 yards per return, the best mark in the nation.

RECRUITING: A&M broke the bank. Junior college transfer Jimmie Irby, a pass-rushing linebacker, could be the first impact player. Running back Sirr Parker is one of seven running backs signed and the most likely to play early. Wide receiver Donte Hawkins could also have an immediate impact. Tennessee transfer Brandon Stewart is Pullig's heir apparent at quarterback.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Kyle Field, College Station, Texas (70,210, artificial)
RETURNING STARTERS (13): Offense (4); Defense (7); Specialists (2)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Antonio Armstrong, LB (1st-team All-America); Reggie Graham, LB (1st-team All-SWC); Rodney Thomas, RB (1st-team All-SWC)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Corey Pullig, Sr., 161-269-2,056 yards, 13 TDs, 7 INTs
RUSHING: Leeland McElroy, Jr., 130 carries, 707 yards, 9 TDs
RECEIVING (catches): Kevin Beirne, Jr., 13
RECEIVING (yards): Beirne, 139
TACKLES: Larry Walker II, Jr., 69
SACKS: Brandon Mitchell, Jr., 9
INTERCEPTIONS: Dennis Allen, Sr., 4
PUNTING: Sean Terry, Sr., 38.2 avg.
KICKING: Kyle Bryant, So., 17-25 FGs, 31-34 PATs
SCORING: Bryant, 82 points

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . LSU
 Sept. 16 . . . TULSA
 Sept. 23 . . . at Colorado
 Oct. 7 . . . at Texas Tech
 Oct. 14 . . . SMU
 Oct. 21 . . . at Baylor
 Oct. 28 . . . HOUSTON
 Nov. 9 . . . at Rice
 Nov. 18 . . . MID. TENNESSEE ST.
 Nov. 25 . . . at TCU
 Dec. 2 . . . TEXAS

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . at LSU; won, 18-13
 Sept. 10 . . . OKLAHOMA; won, 36-14
 Sept. 24 . . . SOUTHERN MISS; won, 41-17
 Oct. 1 . . . TEXAS TECH; won, 23-17
 Oct. 8 . . . at Houston; won, 38-7
 Oct. 15 . . . BAYLOR; won, 41-21
 Oct. 22 . . . RICE; won, 7-0
 Oct. 29 . . . at SMU; tied, 21-21
 Nov. 5 . . . at Texas; won, 34-10
 Nov. 12 . . . at Louisville; won, 26-10
 Nov. 19 . . . TCU; won, 34-17

MILESTONES

- Junior Leeland McElroy has returned four kickoffs for touchdowns in his career, two short of the NCAA record held by USC's Anthony Davis from 1972-'74.
- Texas A&M has not lost an SWC football game in four seasons.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Continue rebuilding the offensive line to the old pound-the-ball levels, then let McElroy go.
- ✓ Find a deep threat for the passing game.
- ✓ Keep QB Pullig healthy.

By STEVE DAVIS

Texas coach John Mackovic enters his fourth year at Texas on an upswing after a strong 1994 finish. But with 1994 Cotton Bowl representative Texas Tech returning its nucleus and rival Texas A&M once again eligible for the Southwest Conference crown, the Mackovic detractors won't keep quiet long if the Longhorns don't make a serious run for the league title.

Last year, Texas climbed as high as No. 12 in the national rankings with four wins in its first five games, the only blemish being a 34-31 loss to No. 4 Colorado. Then came a terrible stretch in which the Longhorns lost three of four, including setbacks against unranked Rice and Texas Tech and a humiliating 34-10 spanking at home by A&M.

The Longhorns bounced back by scoring 146 points in their last three games, including a Sun Bowl victory over North Carolina. Now, they're hoping to build on that momentum in '95.

"Each year we've made an improvement, and I would say that we are expecting to build on that success this year," Mackovic said.

OFFENSE: The Longhorns enter 1995 with a rosy outlook at quarterback, the most important position in Mackovic's pro-style offense.

Sophomore James Brown replaced junior Shea Morenz late last year and won all four games he started, including a prime-time pressure-cooker in Dallas against rival Oklahoma. Brown would have finished as the top-rated passer in the nation if he had enough attempts. He completed 80 of 115 passes (69.6 percent) for 1,047 yards, 12 touchdowns and two interceptions.

"Our quarterback situation is solidified," Mackovic said. "It's as good as it's been since we got here."

Making Brown's job easier is the anticipated return of speedy wideout Mike Adams, who missed spring workouts while shoring up his grades at a local community college.

The decision of offensive tackle Blake Brockermeyer (1st-round pick of the Carolina Panthers) to enter the NFL draft obviously hurts the line.

DEFENSE: Mackovic feels junior defensive end Tony Brackens should be one of the most dominant players in the country this fall. He has 17 sacks in two seasons and should add to that total, thanks to the presence of nose guard Chris Akins, the 1994 SWC Defensive Newcomer of the Year.

The duo will have to be spectacular again upfront, especially if the linebacking corps doesn't improve over last season, when the Longhorns gave up 363 total yards per game. All four starting 'backers return. They will be joined by a couple of converted offensive players and junior college All-America linebacker Matt Jones, who recorded

TONY
BRACKENS
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PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: James Brown (So., 6-0, 190)*	Shea Morenz (Jr., 6-2, 195)
RB: Darrell Wilson (So., 6-1, 220)	Wane McGarity (Fr., 5-8, 182)
RB: Gerrod Coleman (So., 6-0, 220)	Jeffrey Clayton (Jr., 6-0, 200)
WR: Mike Adams (Jr., 6-1, 180)	Quinton Wallace (So., 6-0, 187)
WR: Curtis Jackson (Sr., 5-10, 190)	Matt Davis (Jr., 6-5, 195)*
TE: Steve Bradley (Jr., 6-3, 232)*	Pat Fitzgerald (Jr., 6-2, 212)
LT: John Elmore (Sr., 6-3, 285)*	Jay Humphrey (Fr., 6-6, 272)
LG: Corby Brooks (Sr., 6-4, 267)*	Ben Adams (Fr., 6-5, 313)
C: Ryan Fiebigler (So., 6-3, 283)	Russell Gaskamp (Fr., 6-4, 295)
RG: Dan Neil (Jr., 6-2, 283)*	Travis Wood (Fr., 6-2, 180)
RE: Dominic Bustamante (Sr., 6-5, 293)	Octavius Bishop (Fr., 6-4, 315)

DEFENSE

DE: Tony Brackens (Jr., 6-4, 230)*	Brian Vasek (Sr., 6-5, 241)
NT: Chris Akins (So., 6-1, 289)*	Stonie Clark (Sr., 6-1, 325)
DE: Shane Rink (Sr., 6-2, 252)	Tim Warfield (Jr., 6-3, 253)
LB: Jason Reeves (Sr., 6-3, 210)	Dwight Kirkpatrick (So., 6-1, 214)
LB: Kyle Richardson (So., 6-0, 222)*	Kenny Lewis (Fr., 6-0, 226)
LB: Tyson King (Jr., 6-0, 223)*	Tremaine Brown (Jr., 6-0, 210)
LB: Robert Reed (Sr., 6-2, 220)*	Jonathan Hickerson (Jr., 6-0, 225)
CB: Taje Allen (Jr., 5-11, 178)	Tony Holmes (Fr., 5-8, 172)
CB: Bryant Westbrook (Jr., 6-0, 192)*	Nathan Ards (Jr., 5-10, 180)
SS: Tre Thomas (Jr., 6-1, 210)*	Robert Crenshaw (Jr., 5-10, 185)
FS: Chris Carter (Jr., 6-1, 194)*	Brian Howard (Sr., 6-0, 185)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Phil Dawson (So., 5-11, 191)*	Mark Schultis (So., 6-1, 186)
P: Duane Vacek (Sr., 6-3, 240)*	Mark Schultis (So., 6-1, 186)

(* denotes returning starter)

142 tackles and five sacks last fall at Grossmont (Calif.) Junior College.

Three starters return in the defensive backfield, led by hard-hitting cornerback Bryant Westbrook, who had four interceptions in Texas' first six games before suffering a knee injury.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Special teams are the least of Texas' worries this year. Kicker Phil Dawson was a semifinalist for the Lou Groza Award after making 14 of 15 field goals from 47 yards or less. Senior punter Duane Vacek has averaged 40.7 yards per punt over the past two years, while dropping 22 of his 92 punts inside the 20.

Adams, out most of last season with a knee injury, is downright dan-

gerous. In 1993, Adams was 10th in the nation in kickoff returns (27.0 average) and 22nd in punt returns (9.9 average). Adams already holds the school's all-time record for kickoff return yardage (1,137).

RECRUITING: Texas signed 22 players, including Tennessee transfer Courtney Epps, a highly touted wide receiver from Dallas. The group is headed by Ricky Williams, one of the nation's most sought-after running backs. Williams rushed for 2,099 yards and 25 touchdowns last year.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Memorial Stadium, Austin, Texas (77,809, artificial)

RETURNING STARTERS: (16);

Offense (6); Defense (8); Specialists (2)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Blake Brockermeyer, OL (entered NFL draft); Eric Jackson, WR (1st-team All-SWC); Lovell Pinkney, WR (entered NFL draft)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Shea Morenz, Jr., 124-235-1,368 yards, 12 TDs, 5 INTs; James Brown, So., 80-115-1,037 yards, 12 TDs, 2 INTs

RUSHING: Anthony Holmes, Sr., 120 carries, 524 yards, 5 TDs

RECEIVING (catches): Curtis Jackson, Sr., 27, 2 TDs

RECEIVING (yards): Jackson, 401

TACKLES: (tie) Tyson King, Jr., and Tony Brackens, Jr., 90

SACKS: Brackens, 7

INTERCEPTIONS: Bryant Westbrook, Jr., 4

PUNTING: Duane Vacek, Sr., 40.2 avg.

KICKING: Phil Dawson, So., 14-19

FGs (long 50), 38-38 PATs

SCORING: Dawson, 80 points

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	at Hawaii
Sept. 16	PITTSBURGH
Sept. 23	at Notre Dame
Sept. 30	at SMU
Oct. 7	RICE
Oct. 14	Oklahoma (Dallas)
Oct. 21	VIRGINIA
Nov. 4	TEXAS TECH
Nov. 11	at Houston
Nov. 18	TCU
Nov. 23	BAYLOR
Dec. 2	at Texas A&M

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3	at Pitt; won, 30-28
Sept. 10	LOUISVILLE; won, 30-16
Sept. 24	at TCU; won, 34-18
Oct. 1	COLORADO; lost, 34-31
Oct. 8	OKLAHOMA; won, 17-10
Oct. 16	at Rice; lost, 19-17
Oct. 22	SMU; won, 42-20
Oct. 29	at Texas Tech; lost, 33-9
Nov. 5	TEXAS A&M; lost, 34-10
Nov. 12	HOUSTON; won, 48-13
Nov. 24	at Baylor; won, 63-35
Dec. 30	vs. North Carolina in Sun Bowl; won, 35-31

MILESTONES

• Texas is 178-1 all-time when scoring 35 or more points.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Improved play at linebacker.
- ✓ The continued development of sophomore quarterback James Brown.
- ✓ The return of game-breaking wide receiver Mike Adams.

By STEVE DAVIS

The numbers say that Texas Tech lost a significant number of players to graduation: Only six offensive and five defensive players return from a team that got picked apart in the Cotton Bowl by Southern Cal last season.

But a closer look shows that almost every key player is back from 1994, including the starting quarterback, the top rusher and the top three tacklers. The Red Raiders seem to have replaceable cogs at the other positions.

Now, if only coach Spike Dykes can get Tech to play again like it did in late-season victories over Baylor (38-7) and Texas (33-9).

"We have a great nucleus back," Dykes said.

OFFENSE: The Red Raiders stumbled through a quarterback controversy early last season. There will be no such indecision this year. Sophomore Zebbie Lethridge became last year's SWC Offensive Newcomer of the Year after taking over as the starter in Game 4 and wound up throwing for 1,596 yards and 12 touchdowns. So much better were his performances than those of Tony Darden, that Darden has been moved to wide receiver to make use of his athleticism.

Lethridge was fourth in the conference in total offense, and Red Raiders coaches expect his early establishment as the starter to further develop consistency. He rushed for 510 yards last year, but 31 sacks against him also show Lethridge needs to work on making quicker decisions in the pocket.

Behind him will be sophomore running back Byron Hanspard, who averaged 99 yards per game as a freshman. Both Lethridge and Hanspard are expected to challenge for All-SWC honors this fall.

DEFENSE: While the entire defensive line must be replaced, the linebacking corps should be solid enough to allow the youngsters up front some latitude in making mistakes.

Middle linebacker Zach Thomas headlines the group. He was the 1994 SWC Defensive Player of the Year after posting a league-leading 116 tackles. Thomas, a senior, can play the pass as well as the run, as evidenced by his four interceptions last year.

Joining Thomas will be senior linebacker Shawn Banks, who was sixth in the SWC in tackles last year with 97, and senior strong safety Marcus Coleman, an All-SWC defensive back last season.

The Red Raiders were 21st in the nation last season in pass-efficiency defense. Senior Shawn Hurd, with 21 career starts, hopes to provide enough leadership to keep the Red Raiders tough in the secondary.



BYRON HANSPARD
RB

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Zebbie Lethridge (So., 6-0, 183)*	Sone Cavazos (Jr., 6-1, 200)
TB: Byron Hanspard (So., 6-0, 190)	Derrick Cherry (Fr., 6-0, 235)
FB: Todd Walker (Sr., 6-0, 211)*	Rod Hobbs (Sr., 6-1, 249)
WR: Tony Darden (So., 6-0, 180)	Stacy Mitchell (So., 5-5, 150)*
WR: Sheldon Bass (So., 5-10, 170)*	Field Scovell (Jr., 5-11, 180)
TE: Jerod Fiebigler (Sr., 6-6, 237)	Brad Spinks (Jr., 6-4, 220)
TE: Ben Kaufman (Jr., 6-5, 274)*	J.T. Sprouse (Jr., 6-2, 271)
LB: Casey Jones (Jr., 6-5, 276)*	Rich Ellasser (So., 6-2, 253)
C: Jay Pugh (So., 6-3, 275)	Kevin Ward (Sr., 6-1, 259)
RG: Ed Hendrix (Sr., 6-4, 278)	Shane Dunn (Jr., 6-3, 280)
RT: Lynn Scherler (Jr., 6-4, 284)	Chris Whitney (So., 6-3, 285)

DEFENSE

DE: Sean Johnson (Sr., 6-2, 249)	Anthony Armour (Jr., 6-1, 208)
DE: Corey Chandler (So., 6-4, 252)	Jerome Lang (So., 6-3, 254)
DE: Cody McGuire (So., 6-5, 269)	Cody Patton (Fr., 6-5, 260)
DE: Tony Daniels (Jr., 6-5, 245)	Allen Wallace (Jr., 6-0, 221)
LB: Robert Johnson (Jr., 5-11, 186)*	George Ramsey (Sr., 5-9, 180)
LB: Zach Thomas (Sr., 6-0, 232)*	Ryan Donahue (Jr., 6-2, 225)
LB: Shawn Banks (Sr., 6-2, 224)*	Keith Cumby (Fr., 5-9, 190)
CB: Shawn Hurd (Sr., 5-8, 171)*	Kenny Haywood (Jr., 5-9, 175)
CB: Verone McKinley (Sr., 6-2, 191)	Corey Turner (Fr., 5-8, 155)
SS: Marcus Coleman (Sr., 6-2, 201)*	Jody Brown (Jr., 6-0, 193)
FS: Dane Johnson (So., 5-11, 180)	Duane Price (So., 5-11, 166)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Tony Rogers (So., 5-11, 175)	Jaret Greaser (Fr., 5-10, 176)
P: Brad Cade (Sr., 6-2, 174)*	Tony Rogers (So., 5-11, 175)

(* denotes returning starter)

SPECIAL TEAMS: Dane Johnson was the leading punt returner in the SWC last season as a freshman. His 11.6-yard average ranked 10th nationally.

The kicking game was also superb. Senior Brad Cade led the SWC in net punting at 37.2 yards per boot. Only 21 of his 72 punts were returned, and those returns totaled just 80 yards. Tony Rogers established himself as the kicker of the future, hitting all five attempts from between 40-50 yards.

Coleman (five career blocked kicks) has also been a disruptive force on special teams.

RECRUITING: The Red Raiders

took advantage of their first Cotton Bowl appearance in half a century by landing one of their finest recruiting classes. Twelve of Tech's 17 high school signees were named in at least one Texas state Top 100 list. The Red Raiders also signed four junior-college players, all of whom they hope will provide immediate help on defense.

The prize of the class may be 6-foot-5, 300-pound offensive tackle Curtis Lowery from Stephenville, Texas.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Jones Stadium, Lubbock, Texas (50,500, pro turf)
RETURNING STARTERS (12): Offense (6); Defense (5); Specialists (1)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Bart Thomas, DB (1st-team All-SWC); Damon Wickware, DL (1st-team All-SWC)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Zebbie Lethridge, So., 132-261-1,596 yards, 12 TDs, 6 INTs
RUSHING: Byron Hanspard, So., 173 carries, 761 yards, 5 TDs
RECEIVING (catches): Sheldon Bass, So., 34, 2 TDs
RECEIVING (yards): Bass, 400
TACKLES: Zach Thomas, Sr., 116
SACKS: Thomas, 3.5
INTERCEPTIONS: Thomas, 4
PUNTING: Brad Cade, Sr., 39.0 avg.
KICKING: Tony Rogers, So., 5-7 FGs (long 45)
SCORING: Lethridge, 40 points (6 TDs, 2 2PTs)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 9 . . . at Penn State
Sept. 16 . . . MISSOURI
Sept. 30 . . . at Baylor
Oct. 7 . . . TEXAS A&M
Oct. 14 . . . ARKANSAS ST.
Oct. 21 . . . RICE
Oct. 28 . . . at New Mexico
Nov. 4 . . . at Texas
Nov. 11 . . . TCU
Nov. 18 . . . at SMU
Nov. 25 . . . at Houston

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . NEW MEXICO; won, 37-31
Sept. 8 . . . NEBRASKA; lost, 42-16
Sept. 17 . . . at Oklahoma; lost, 17-11
Sept. 24 . . . SMU; won, 35-7
Oct. 1 . . . at Texas A&M; lost, 23-17
Oct. 8 . . . at Rice; lost, 24-21
Oct. 22 . . . BAYLOR; won, 38-7
Oct. 29 . . . TEXAS; won, 33-9
Nov. 12 . . . SW LOUISIANA; won, 39-7
Nov. 19 . . . vs. Houston (at San Antonio); won, 34-0
Nov. 25 . . . at TCU; lost, 24-17
Jan. 1 . . . vs. USC in Cotton Bowl; lost, 55-14

MILESTONES

■ A repeat of his 1,596-yard passing performance in 1994 would place QB Zebbie Lethridge in Texas Tech's Top 5 all-time list.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Quick development of an all-new defensive line.
- ✓ Quarterback Zebbie Lethridge and running back Byron Hanspard must avoid the sophomore jinx.
- ✓ Avoiding upsets. The Red Raiders have a favorable schedule after their opener at Penn State.

By STEVE DAVIS

Baylor's imprint on college football under Chuck Reedy has been solid, if unimpressive. The Bears generally win the games they are supposed to win and lose the games they are supposed to lose.

So, obviously one of the goals of the third-year head coach, who instituted 6 a.m. offseason workouts, is to get beyond that plateau. The Bears, who lost a chance at an outright Southwest Conference championship last year when they fell hard to Texas (63-35) at home in their final regular season contest, hope to produce an upset or two this year. They'll certainly have the opportunities. Texas Tech, last season's Cotton Bowl representative, as well as national title hopeful Texas A&M, both visit Baylor's Floyd Casey Stadium, where Reedy has posted a 7-3 mark in two seasons.

Another plus is that Baylor enters the 1995 season with more stability at quarterback than this time last year. That's because Jeff Watson stepped up as a freshman last season, completing 102 of 201 passes while effectively directing the Bears' option attack. But the 19-year-old's inexperience showed in Baylor's four regular-season losses, where he threw just two touchdowns and 10 interceptions.

OFFENSE: The Bears had game-breaking runners last year but found opposing teams dictating too much of their offense. So the 1995 Bears will have fewer option plays and more plays designed for sophomore tailback Jerod Douglas, who averaged 7.5 yards on 63 carries.

Douglas was the top 200-meter sprinter in the nation in high school, and, at 5-foot-9, 167 pounds, has the ability to make would-be tacklers miss. Reedy wants Baylor to average 40 to 50 running plays and about 20 passes per game. Junior Kalief Muhammad, who averaged 5.5 yards per carry, should also see the ball more often this fall as a receiver.

DEFENSE: Reedy wants to make two changes to his defense this year: He wants his packages to be simpler and his unit as a whole to be more aggressive.

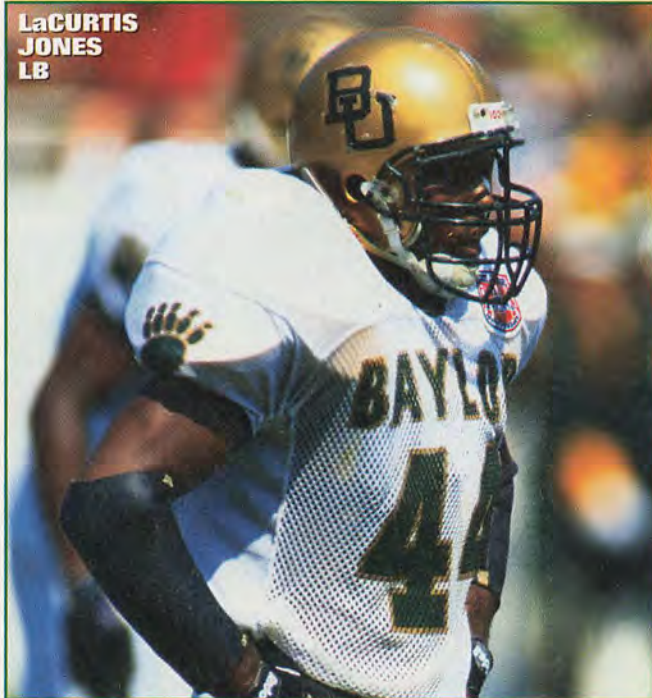
The Bears will lean heavily on two All-SWC performers, line-backer LaCurtis Jones and strong safety Adrian Robinson. Jones led the team with 126 tackles last season while Robinson was second with 96. Robinson also returned two interceptions for touchdowns.

The Bears installed a 3-4 defense last year and now have a year of experience in that look.

"When we blitzed and played aggressively, we didn't give up too much," Reedy said. "We have to look to do that more."

SPECIAL TEAMS: The Bears

LaCURTIS JONES
LB



PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Jeff Watson (So., 6-0, 205)*	Kevin Rhea (Sr., 6-1, 200)
TB: Jerod Douglas (So., 5-9, 167)	Anthony Hodge (So., 5-11, 205)
FB: Clifton Rubin (So., 6-1, 218)	Shawn Washington (Jr., 6-1, 229)
WR: Kalief Muhammad (Jr., 5-8, 173)*	Lamont Moore (Jr., 5-11, 204)
WR: Dustin Dennard (Sr., 6-4, 197)*	Pearce Pegross (So., 5-10, 170)
TE: Bradley Domei (So., 6-4, 218)*	Donnie Laurence (Sr., 6-3, 232)
CE: David Davis (Jr., 6-4, 300)*	Bruce Nowak (Jr., 6-5, 297)
LB: Jerome Jackson (So., 6-2, 291)	Jeremy Johnson (Fr., 6-3, 284)
C: John Turner (Jr., 6-3, 270)	Anthony Williams (Fr., 6-3, 285)
RG: Michael Johnson (So., 6-3, 305)*	Patrick Dukes (Fr., 6-6, 398)
RE: Fred Miller (Sr., 6-7, 283)*	Curtis Draper (Jr., 6-4, 333)

DEFENSE

DE: Daryl Gardener (Sr., 6-7, 315)	Sheldon Mallory (So., 6-4, 274)
WE: Roderick Kinney (So., 6-2, 278)*	Derrick Fletcher (Fr., 6-8, 360)
DE: Charles Horton (Sr., 6-3, 282)*	Donnie Embra (Jr., 6-3, 284)
LB: Phillip Kent (Sr., 6-2, 223)*	Justin Still (Sr., 6-3, 218)
LB: Robert Mason (Jr., 6-1, 226)	Dean Jackson (So., 6-0, 225)
LB: Glen Coy (So., 6-3, 257)	Gary Bandy (Sr., 6-4, 228)*
LB: LaCurtis Jones (Sr., 6-0, 195)*	Clarence Bruse (Fr., 6-3, 222)
CB: Clarence McCullough (Jr., 5-10, 183)	Raynor Finley (Sr., 5-9, 180)
CB: Tyrone Smith (Sr., 5-10, 178)*	Cyrus Edison (Fr., 5-11, 180)
SS: Adrian Robinson (Sr., 6-2, 210)*	Anthony Taylor (So., 6-0, 190)
FS: Nikita Codie (So., 6-4, 194)	Michael Benjamin (Jr., 6-0, 192)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Jarvis Van Dyke (Sr., 5-9, 158)*	Bryan Hawkins (Fr., 5-10, 163)
P: Ty Atteberry (Jr., 6-0, 196)*	Jarvis Van Dyke (Sr., 5-9, 158)

(* denotes returning starter)

averaged 23.4 yards per kickoff return last season, six more than their opponents. Muhammad is the most dangerous return man, now that Ben Bronson has graduated. He returned 18 kickoffs for 377 yards, a 21-yard average.

The kicking game is in excellent hands with Ty Atteberry (40.7 yards per punt) and strong-legged Jarvis Van Dyke. The senior kicker made eight of 12 field goals, including three of four from 40-plus yards.

RECRUITING: Four players on the *Dallas Morning News*' National Top 100 list highlighted Baylor's recruiting class. Tailback Dexter Ford of Dallas is the most bally-

hooded of the bunch. He averaged nine yards per carry and scored 33 touchdowns in his junior and senior years in one of the toughest football districts in Texas.

Reedy also landed 1994 junior-college All-America defensive end Donnie Embra.

"We've had three great recruiting classes in a row," Reedy said. "Those young players need to start taking their place now. We'll have more quality depth than we've had since I've been here."

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Floyd Casey Stadium, Waco, Texas (48,500, grass)

RETURNING STARTERS (16): Offense (7); Defense (7); Specialists (2)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: None

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Jeff Watson, So., 102-201-1,615 yards, 10 TDs, 10 INTs

RUSHING: Kalief Muhammad, Jr., 97 carries, 529 yards, 3 TDs

RECEIVING (catches): Dustin Dennard, Sr., 15, 1 TD

RECEIVING (yards): Dennard, 251

TACKLES: LaCurtis Jones, Sr., 126

SACKS: Daryl Gardener, Sr., 4.5

INTERCEPTIONS: Adrian Robinson, Sr., 3

PUNTING: Ty Atteberry, Jr., 40.7 avg.

KICKING: Jarvis Van Dyke, Sr., 8-12

FGs (long 45), 46-46 PATs

SCORING: Van Dyke, 73 points

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	. . . at Tulsa
Sept. 16	. MISSISSIPPI STATE
Sept. 23	. . . at North Carolina State
Sept. 30	. TEXAS TECH
Oct. 14	. . . at Houston
Oct. 21	. . . TEXAS A&M
Oct. 28	. . . TCU
Nov. 4	. . . at Miami (Fla.)
Nov. 11	. . . at SMU
Nov. 18	. . . RICE
Nov. 23	. . . at Texas

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3	. . . LA. TECH; won, 44-3
Sept. 10	. . . at San Jose St.; won, 54-20
Sept. 17	. . . OKLAHOMA ST.; won, 14-10
Sept. 24	. . . at USC; lost, 37-27
Oct. 1	. . . at TCU; won, 42-18
Oct. 8	. . . SMU; won, 44-10
Oct. 15	. . . at Texas A&M; lost, 41-21
Oct. 22	. . . at Texas Tech; lost, 38-7
Oct. 29	. . . HOUSTON; won, 52-13
Nov. 12	. . . at Rice; won, 19-14
Nov. 24	. . . TEXAS; lost, 63-35
Dec. 31	. . . vs. Washington St. in Alamo Bowl; lost, 10-3

MILESTONES:

• Kicker Jarvis Van Dyke has made 80 consecutive extra points, a Baylor record. He needs 32 PATs to become the school's all-time leader.

• Jerod Douglas rushed for a school-record 210 yards against Texas last year, breaking the mark of 207 set by Walter Abercrombie against Texas A&M in 1978.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Get the ball to Jerod Douglas more often.
- ✓ Quarterback Jeff Watson must perform better in big games.
- ✓ Keep the defense simple so that good players can make plays.

By JIMMY BURCH

Complacency, in the estimation of TCU football players, will be the least of the team's worries as the Horned Frogs attempt to top a 1994 season that included the school's first bowl bid in a decade and a share of its first Southwest Conference championship in 35 years.

If anything, there is a sense of unfinished business among the 14 returning starters from last season's 7-5 club.

"I don't want to sound greedy, but I'm not satisfied with sharing a championship and going to the Independence Bowl," cornerback Mikyha Martin said. "With a couple of plays here and there, we could have had a much better season."

Optimism comes easy when the list of returnees includes the nation's No. 2 returning passer, Max Knake, and No. 2 returning rusher, Andre Davis. The offensive line must be rebuilt, but three of four first-year starters up front will be seniors.

Defensively, a year of seasoning for the returnees—combined with help from incoming talents such as linebacker Kam Hunt and standout junior college defensive tackle Bernard Oldham—should help improve a unit that allowed 390.5 yards per game.

OFFENSE: A year ago, TCU became only the second team in 80 SWC football seasons to feature the league's top rusher (Davis) and passer (Knake) in the same backfield. Both return, flanked by two blue-chip running back signees, John Williams and Terrance Cook, as well as Georgia transfer Sterling Boyd, a blue-chipper in 1992. The Frogs are so overstocked at running back that Derrick Cullors, the team's top rusher in 1992, moved to wide receiver.

The receiving corps is solid, paced by big-play tight end Brian Collins (32 catches, 369 yards, 7 TDs) and returnees John Washington (25 catches, 438 yards, 17.5 average) and Chris Brasfield (24 catches, 419 yards, 17.5 average). The big question is the personnel turnover up front, which doesn't seem to concern Knake.

"I don't see any holes," Knake said. "We've got some good, young guys who are going to be pretty good football players. If anyone thinks there's going to be a dropoff with this offense, they're wrong."

DEFENSE: Some personnel shifting will allow TCU to put more speed on the field this season. Lenoy Jones, a starter at outside linebacker last season, moves inside. Strong safety Geoff Stephens moves to Jones' spot, which he will share with Tony Brown.

The guys to watch up front are junior Gaylon Hyder, who inherits the tackle spot left behind by Royal West—TCU's career sack leader—and Oldham, the strongest player on the team with a 500-pound bench

MAX KNAKE QB



PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Max Knake (Sr., 6-2, 205)*	Todd Stanford (So., 6-3, 180)
TB: Andre Davis (Sr., 5-10, 184)*	Sterling Boyd (Jr., 5-10, 195)
FB: Kai Woods (So., 6-0, 225)*	Matt Moore (Fr., 5-10, 179)
WR: John Washington (Jr., 5-0, 160)*	Brashant Carter (Sr., 6-0, 165)
WR: Chris Brasfield (Sr., 6-1, 180)*	Jason Tucker (So., 6-1, 170)
TE: Brian Collins (Sr., 6-5, 226)*	Chad Avery (Jr., 6-4, 225)
LE: Ryan Tucker (Jr., 6-5, 250)*	Brandy Crow (Jr., 6-2, 230)
LB: Fabian Stegall (Jr., 6-3, 265)	Mark Cortez (So., 6-2, 262)
C: Kevin Browner (Sr., 6-3, 255)	Greg Davis (Fr., 6-4, 290)
RG: Kevin Holmes (Sr., 6-3, 255)	J.P. McFarland (Fr., 6-4, 260)
RT: Clifford Barnes (Sr., 6-5, 280)	Jon Donahue (Fr., 6-5, 280)

DEFENSE

DE: Hayes Rydel (Sr., 6-2, 240)	Daryl Johnson (Fr., 6-3, 235)
NT: Bernard Oldham (Jr., 6-1, 255)	Marcus Anderson (Fr., 6-1, 255)
DE: Gaylon Hyder (Jr., 6-6, 280)*	Billy Thompson (Jr., 6-5, 265)
DE: Chris Piliand (Sr., 6-4, 220)*	Chance McCarty (So., 6-5, 225)
LB: Lenoy Jones (Sr., 6-3, 218)*	Joseph Phipps (Fr., 6-3, 205)
LB: Tyrone Roy (Sr., 6-1, 238)	Jay Davern (Jr., 6-3, 255)
LB: Tony Brown (Jr., 6-2, 210)	Geoff Stephens (Jr., 6-0, 205)*
CB: Mikyha Martin (Sr., 5-11, 184)*	Cedric Allen (Jr., 5-11, 185)
CB: Chuckie McWilliams (Sr., 6-1, 170)*	Dana Robinson (Fr., 5-9, 184)
SS: Rick LaFavers (Sr., 6-1, 190)	Chris Staten (So., 6-1, 170)
FS: Manuel Hopes (Sr., 5-11, 180)*	Godfrey White (So., 5-10, 178)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Michael Reeder (So., 6-0, 160)*	Brandon Najarian (Jr., 5-11, 175)
P: Beau Stephens (Fr., 6-0, 160)*	Jim Ladner (Jr., 6-0, 182)

(* denotes returning starter)

press. Tyrone Roy, who started in 1993, is back in the driver's seat at middle linebacker, backed by Jay Davern, a blue-chipper from two years ago. All four secondary members return, led by Martin.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Kicker Michael Reeder was solid last season, connecting on 11 of 15 attempts, including a 45-yarder in a 30-28 victory over Tulane. Punter Beau Stephens (39.8 average) was consistent. Punt returner John Washington (7.7 average) and Cullors, as a kickoff returner (19.4 average), have big-play potential.

RECRUITING: Coach Pat Sullivan rated this class "our best, by

far" among his four recruiting hauls. He added three running backs that were coveted by both Texas and/or Texas A&M: Boyd, Cook and Williams. Cook may wind up as a cornerback because of the logjam. TCU landed immediate line help from Trinity Valley JC's national-championship team in Oldham and offensive guard Fabian Stegall, both probable starters. Hunt will add much-needed pass-rushing skills, and Tavarus Moore (6-3, 185) provides Knake a tall target at wide receiver.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Amon G. Carter Stadium, Fort Worth, Texas (46,000, grass)
RETURNING STARTERS (16): Offense (7); Defense (7); Specialists (2)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Barret Robbins, OL (1st-team All-SWC); Royal West, DL (1st-team All-SWC)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Max Knake, Sr., 184-316-2,624 yards, 24 TDs, 7 INTs
RUSHING: Andre Davis, Sr., 260 carries, 1,494 yards, 7 TDs
RECEIVING (catches): Davis, 47, 3 TDs
RECEIVING (yards): Davis, 522
TACKLES: Lenoy Jones, Sr., 77
SACKS: Hayes Rydel, Jr., 3
INTERCEPTIONS: (tie) Mikyha Martin, Sr., and Rick LaFavers, Sr., 2
PUNTING: Beau Stephens, Sr., 39.8 avg.
KICKING: Michael Reeder, So., 11-15 FGs; 32-32 PATs
SCORING: Davis, 66 points (10 TDs, 3 2-PTs)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 9 . . . IOWA STATE
Sept. 14 . . . at Kansas
Sept. 23 . . . at Vanderbilt
Oct. 7 . . . HOUSTON
Oct. 14 . . . at Rice
Oct. 21 . . . TULANE
Oct. 28 . . . at Baylor
Nov. 4 . . . SMU
Nov. 11 . . . at Texas Tech
Nov. 18 . . . at Texas
Nov. 25 . . . TEXAS A&M

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . at N. Carolina; lost, 27-17
Sept. 10 . . . at New Mexico; won, 44-29
Sept. 17 . . . KANSAS; won, 31-21
Sept. 24 . . . TEXAS; lost, 34-18
Oct. 1 . . . BAYLOR; lost, 42-18
Oct. 15 . . . at Tulane; won, 30-28
Oct. 22 . . . at Houston; won, 31-10
Oct. 29 . . . RICE; won, 27-25
Nov. 12 . . . at SMU; won, 35-14
Nov. 19 . . . at Texas A&M; lost, 34-17
Nov. 25 . . . TEXAS TECH; won, 24-17
Dec. 28 . . . vs. Virginia in Independence Bowl; lost, 20-10

MILESTONES

■ Senior quarterback Max Knake already holds TCU records for career passing yards (5,133) and total offense (5,011 yards).

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Rapid maturation of four first-year starters on the offensive line.
- ✓ Better ball-hawk skills for a defense that intercepted just nine passes last season.
- ✓ Season-long good health for QB Max Knake, who has no backups who have attempted a pass at the college level.

By JONATHAN FEIGEN

Ken Hatfield replaced his friend and former assistant Fred Goldsmith as Owls coach last season, adjusted things just a bit, and came out with one of five shares for the Southwest Conference championship. The title was the Owls' first since 1957 and made Hatfield, a former Arkansas coach, one of only two coaches (former Texas and Texas A&M coach D.X. Bible was the other) to win SWC titles at two different schools.

To go one step further and lead Rice to its first bowl since 1961, Hatfield will need his blossoming defense to become more consistent. The passing game also needs work. A Hatfield team will never wing the ball all over the place, but a more consistent passing attack would help Rice's running game go from solid to scary.

But more than anything, Hatfield will have to do more of what he does best. He made Rice players believe they should beat Texas; now he will try to convince them they can be week-in, week-out contenders.

With a returning core of 18 starters, Hatfield's task will be to get huge years from his skill positions, most importantly senior quarterback Josh LaRocca.

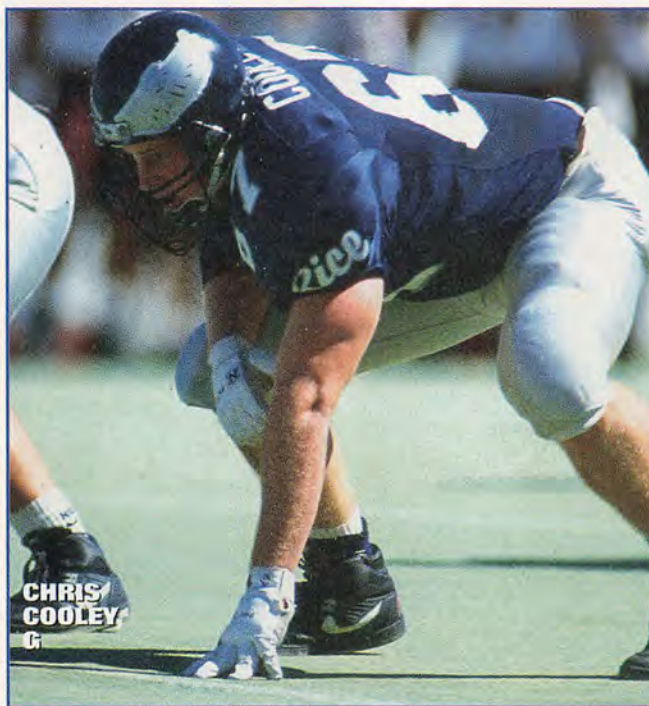
OFFENSE: To no one's surprise, the Owls moved the ball consistently on the ground last season and will continue to do so. Teams even stacked the line to stop Rice's running game, but Hatfield put the Owls in a variety of wishbones, and LaRocca became adept at making the right decisions on the run.

Spencer George, recruited by Goldsmith to be former star tailback Trevor Cobb's successor, was moved to fullback and became the SWC's third-leading rusher with 804 yards. Halfbacks Jimmy Lee and Byron Coston graduated, but Yoney Edmonds, hurt most of last season, could be a star.

The best news, however, is that almost the entire offensive line returns. Only guard Bobby Gray graduated, and Rice is extremely strong up the middle with senior guard Chris Cooley, an All-America candidate, and junior center Jeremy Thigpen. Part-time starter Richard Williams could be strong at either tackle.

DEFENSE: From the Texas upset on, Rice was outstanding defensively. The Owls frustrated the Longhorns in a rare Sunday night game and held Texas A&M to one early touchdown a week later.

Defensive end Ndukwe Kalu should become one of the league's top sack specialists and tackle Brynton Goynes is strong against the run. But the real strength is at linebacker, even with the departure of Emmett Waldron. When Waldron was hurt early last season, the Owls'



PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Josh LaRocca (Sr., 6-1, 205)*	Chad Nelson (So., 5-10, 175)
RB: Yoney Edmonds (Sr., 5-8, 180)	Emerson Allen (Sr., 5-6, 160)
RB: Spencer George (Jr., 5-10, 200)*	Pat Callahan (Sr., 5-8, 195)
RB: Byron Godfrey (So., 6-0, 210)	Rodd Newhouse (So., 5-9, 180)
WR: Jeff Venghaus (So., 6-0, 175)	Kris Armstrong (Jr., 5-8, 165)
TE: Adrayll Askew (Sr., 6-3, 240)*	Ben Westcott (So., 6-7, 260)
LF: Mark Spinner (So., 6-3, 260)	Everett Burton (Sr., 6-3, 295)
LG: Chris Cooley (Sr., 6-5, 290)*	Paki Nelson (So., 6-5, 325)
C: Jeremy Thigpen (Jr., 6-1, 275)*	Chase Allen (So., 6-3, 270)
RG: Brian Lyssy (Jr., 6-8, 310)	Charles Torello (Fr., 6-1, 285)
RE: Eric Ober (Sr., 6-3, 265)*	Richard Williams (So., 6-5, 260)*

DEFENSE

DE: Ndukwe Kalu (Jr., 6-4, 220)*	Adrian Woolcock (Sr., 6-2, 220)
DE: Brynton Goynes (Sr., 6-4, 270)*	Jason Winship (Jr., 6-2, 255)
DE: Larry Thompson (So., 5-9, 255)*	Russell Streeter (So., 6-3, 235)
DE: Arthur Terry (Jr., 6-2, 220)	Andy Clifton (So., 6-2, 220)
LB: Joe Davis (Sr., 6-1, 200)*	Rashad Reynolds (So., 6-2, 215)
LB: Derrick Williams (Jr., 6-1, 225)	Ryan Woods (Jr., 6-0, 210)
LB: Larry Izzo (Sr., 6-0, 215)*	Mike Jones (So., 6-1, 220)
CB: Warrick Franklin (Jr., 5-10, 175)*	Tony Washington (So., 6-2, 180)
CB: Bobby Dixon (Sr., 6-0, 180)*	Lawrence Fortune (Sr., 6-1, 155)
SS: Jeff Sowell (Sr., 5-10, 175)*	Jay Lamy (Sr., 6-0, 195)
FS: Aaron Stanley (Jr., 6-1, 195)*	Kevin Branham (So., 6-1, 185)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Johnny Bagwell (Jr., 5-9, 145)	Matt Huelsman (So., 6-0, 190)*
P: Tucker Phillips (Jr., 6-0, 205)*	Johnny Bagwell (Jr., 5-9, 145)

(* denotes returning starter)

missed him desperately, but other players developed and eventually became the leaders of the defense. Larry Izzo, who tied a school record with 16 tackles for a loss, and Joe Davis, who enters the season with 218 tackles and will likely graduate among Rice's Top 5 all-time, are two of the league's top defenders this season.

The secondary returns intact with Warrick Franklin and Bobby Dixon on the corners and Jeff Sowell and Aaron Stanley at safety.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Like so much about the Owls, the return specialists, Kris Armstrong (kick-offs) and Emerson Allen (punts),

were solid and consistent, but not spectacular. Both have the speed to take that next step. Kicker Matt Huelsman and punter Tucker Phillips both had strong years in their first seasons as starters.

RECRUITING: Rice's recruiting was solid, if not spectacular, especially outside the state. Defensive back Karlton Bedford and linebacker Yinka Adeniji could play early, although the Owls are strong at those positions. Center Mike Vitor was considered one of the best catches.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Rice Stadium, Houston, Texas (70,000, artificial)
RETURNING STARTERS (18): Offense (7); Defense (9); Specialists (2)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: None

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Josh LaRocca, Sr., 65-130-806 yards, 9 TDs, 8 INTs
RUSHING: Spencer George, Jr., 185 carries, 804 yards, 4 TDs
RECEIVING (catches): George, 14, 2 TDs
RECEIVING (yards): George, 132
TACKLES: Joe Davis, Sr., 113
SACKS: Ndukwe Kalu, Jr., 8
INTERCEPTIONS: 5 tied with 1
PUNTING: Tucker Phillips, Jr., 38.7 avg.
KICKING: Matt Huelsman, So., 12-18 FGs, 17-18 PATs
SCORING: Huelsman, 53 points

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . UNLV
Sept. 16 . . . TULANE
Sept. 23 . . . at LSU
Sept. 30 . . . at Army
Oct. 7 . . . at Texas
Oct. 14 . . . TCU
Oct. 21 . . . at Texas Tech
Oct. 28 . . . at SMU
Nov. 9 . . . TEXAS A&M
Nov. 18 . . . at Baylor
Dec. 2 . . . HOUSTON

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 10 . . . TULANE; lost, 15-13
Sept. 17 . . . at Kansas State; lost, 27-18
Sept. 24 . . . at Iowa St.; won, 28-18
Oct. 8 . . . TEXAS TECH; won, 24-21
Oct. 16 . . . TEXAS; won, 19-17
Oct. 22 . . . at Texas A&M; lost, 7-0
Oct. 29 . . . at TCU; lost, 27-25
Nov. 5 . . . SMU; won, 17-10
Nov. 12 . . . BAYLOR; lost, 19-14
Nov. 19 . . . at Navy; lost, 29-17
Nov. 26 . . . at Houston; won, 31-13

MILESTONES

- In his last three SWC seasons — '89 and '90 at Arkansas, last year at Rice — Hatfield has won or shared the conference title.
- Rice has not made a bowl appearance since 1961.
- Linebacker Joe Davis enters the season with 218 career tackles and needs 44 to move into the Top 5 all-time list. O.J. Brigrance is the all-time leader with 367.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Continue to run the ball well, but also improve the passing game.
- ✓ Improve the offense's big-play capability.
- ✓ Avoid letdowns in non-league play (see last year's loss to Navy).

By JIMMY BURCH

The SMU football team would offer a challenging test case for psychologists studying the "glass-is-half-full" vs. the "glass-is-half-empty" perspectives of the human psyche.

Are the Mustangs, coming off a 1-9-1 season, closer to the team that never trailed in a 21-21 tie with unbeaten Texas A&M (10-0-1)? Or, do they more closely resemble the squad that surrendered 39 points in a loss to a Houston team (1-10) that never topped the 13-point barrier the rest of the season?

Coach Tom Rossley points to the fact that six of SMU's games were decided in the final minute last season and suggests the Mustangs are "not that far away" from a winning record. In all, 15 starters return from last season, including multi-talented quarterback Ramon Flanigan and eight defensive regulars.

"This team is ready to take that step to the next level," said Flanigan, a junior who has led the SWC in total offense per game the past two seasons. "If we start off well, the sky's the limit. If we stumble early, people might start pointing fingers and thinking, 'Here we go again.'"

OFFENSE: Rossley's attack has teeth as long as Flanigan, the team's leading passer and rusher last season, remains in the lineup. Despite playing 10 games while nursing a pulled hamstring (the injury forced him to miss one contest), Flanigan averaged a league-high 237.1 yards of total offense per game. The dynamic junior also had a hand in 18 touchdowns (12 rushing, six passing).

Flanigan figures to get more help shouldering the load this year from sophomore Donte Womack, who averaged 5.2 yards per carry in limited duty last season as the Mustangs' feature back.

Both players will operate behind an improving offensive line that includes a trio of three-year starters (center Brannon Kidd, left tackle Jason Holz and right guard Keith Chiles).

DEFENSE: Improving the team's turnover/takeaway ratio last season (plus-15) did not keep opponents out of the Mustangs' end zone. Foes averaged 31.2 points and over 400 net yards per game. Rossley hopes that eight returning starters will produce more three-and-out series for opposing offenses.

If not, it could be another long year. SMU allowed opponents an average of 5.2 yards per carry and logged just 12 sacks last season. Both were the worst totals among SWC defenses.

One key will be the maturation of a four-man defensive front which features just two seniors — tackle Brian Kennedy and end Jason Lindbloom — among the top 16 candidates for playing time. Of the two,



RAMON FLANIGAN
QB

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Ramon Flanigan (Jr., 6-2, 175)*	Chris James (So., 6-0, 200)
RB: Bryan Harmon (So., 5-9, 195)	Donte Womack (So., 5-8, 190)
WR: Kevin Thoral (Jr., 6-2, 190)	David Visinsky (So., 6-3, 190)
WR: Vaughn Dickerson (So., 5-8, 155)	Rochon George (So., 5-7, 170)
WR: DeAndrea Robinson (So., 5-7, 145)	Rochon George (So., 5-7, 170)
WR: James Whitmore (Sr., 5-9, 170)*	Josh Lerner (Jr., 6-2, 180)
TE: Jason Holz (Jr., 6-8, 300)*	Jeremy Morgan (Fr., 6-4, 260)
LG: Dray Wilson (So., 6-2, 275)	David Kiselak (So., 6-2, 260)
C: Brannon Kidd (Jr., 6-4, 285)*	Rodney Townsend (Sr., 6-3, 285)
RG: Keith Chiles (Jr., 5-11, 320)*	Kerry Scanlon (Fr., 6-4, 260)
RT: Glenn Ivey (So., 6-4, 290)	Nathan Lee (Fr., 6-4, 280)

DEFENSE

DE: Mac McKinnie (Jr., 6-4, 240)	Wendell Washington (Fr., 6-4, 235)
DE: Jason Evans (So., 6-4, 280)*	Dan Merritt (Fr., 6-3, 240)
DE: Brian Kennedy (Sr., 6-3, 270)*	Ahmad Hayes (So., 6-2, 270)
DE: Wilbert Mitchell (Jr., 6-3, 265)*	Warwick Woodard (So., 6-3, 245)
LB: Jackson Moore (So., 6-4, 230)	Sacha Emanuel (So., 6-2, 210)
LB: Craig Swann (Jr., 5-11, 225)	Cagan Morgan (Sr., 6-1, 260)*
LB: Chris Bordano (Jr., 6-2, 220)*	Eric Tomlin (Sr., 6-1, 230)
LB: Wade Smith (Fr., 6-2, 200)	Warren Scott (Jr., 6-2, 205)
CB: Jay Harvey (Sr., 5-11, 180)*	Eric Thomas (Fr., 5-11, 175)
CB: Cornell Parker (Sr., 5-11, 195)*	Dewey Evans (Fr., 5-11, 195)
S: Ken Neill (Sr., 5-11, 205)	Troy Williams (Sr., 5-9, 175)*

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Ben Crosland (Sr., 6-3, 220)*	Anthony Scotti (So., 6-3, 190)
P: Anthony Scotti (So., 6-3, 190)*	Paul Giamanico (So., 5-10, 185)

(* denotes returning starter)

Kennedy had just 36 tackles.

Another key will be whether middle linebacker Chris Bordano returns or not. Bordano, who averaged an SWC-best 13.9 tackles per contest last season, suffered a stress fracture in his lower back. He missed SMU's last three games and was held out of spring drills.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Kicker Ben Crosland has ample range but connected on just six of 15 field-goal attempts last season. The kickoff coverage unit was excellent, however, allowing a skimpy 15.8-yard average on 24 returns.

SMU needs to get more mileage out of its return game to improve

field position and take pressure off the defense. Larry Wilson and Erwin Wilburn each averaged over 20 yards per return, but both graduated.

RECRUITING: Rossley plans to work as many as 10 freshmen into the lineup this fall after redshirting all but five members of his 1993 and 1994 classes. Rossley seeks immediate help at both wide receiver and in the secondary. Two incoming freshmen, Jacoby Rhinehart and Jimmy Moore, will be tried at both spots.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Ownby Stadium, Dallas, Texas (23,783, artificial)

RETURNING STARTERS: (15); Offense (5); Defense (8); Specialists (2)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Mike Rossley, WR (1st-team All-SWC)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Ramon Flanigan, Jr., 168-312-1,869 yards, 6 TDs, 8 INTs

RUSHING: Flanigan, 182 carries, 502 yards, 12 TDs

RECEIVING (catches): James Whitmore, Sr., 29

RECEIVING (yards): Whitmore, 363

TACKLES: Chris Bordano, Jr., 111

SACKS: Jason Evans, So., 2

INTERCEPTIONS: Cornell Parker, Sr., 5

PUNTING: Anthony Scotti, So., 37.0 avg.

KICKING: Ben Crosland, Sr., 6-15

FGs, 23-24 PATs

SCORING: Flanigan, 72 points (12 TDs)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	. . . ARKANSAS
Sept. 9	. . . NAVY
Sept. 16	. . . at Oklahoma
Sept. 23	. . . at Wisconsin
Sept. 30	. . . TEXAS
Oct. 14	. . . at Texas A&M
Oct. 21	. . . at Houston
Oct. 28	. . . RICE
Nov. 4	. . . at TCU
Nov. 11	. . . BAYLOR
Nov. 18	. . . TEXAS TECH

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3	. . . at Arkansas; lost, 34-14
Sept. 10	. . . at UCLA; lost, 17-10
Sept. 17	. . . NEW MEXICO; won, 34-31
Sept. 24	. . . at Texas Tech; lost, 35-7
Oct. 1	. . . N. Carolina; lost, 28-24
Oct. 8	. . . at Baylor; lost, 44-10
Oct. 15	. . . HOUSTON; lost, 39-33
Oct. 22	. . . at Texas; lost, 42-20
Oct. 29	. . . TEXAS A&M (at San Antonio); tied, 21-21
Nov. 5	. . . at Rice; lost, 17-10
Nov. 12	. . . TCU; lost, 35-14

MILESTONES

■ QB Ramon Flanigan needs 2,624 yards total offense his senior season to pass Chuck Hixson (6,884 yards) as SMU's all-time leader in that category.

■ Flanigan enters the season 7th on SMU's all-time career passing list with 3,320 yards. He needs to average 1,905 yards the next two seasons to be SMU's all-time leader.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Keeping quarterback Ramon Flanigan healthy for all 11 games.
- ✓ Improving a run defense that allowed opponents 5.2 yards per carry last season.
- ✓ Continued maturation in both the offensive and defensive lines.

By JONATHAN FEIGEN

Rebuilding was always expected to be difficult for Kim Helton. He knew that as soon as he considered taking the Houston job in the spring of 1993, shortly after John Jenkins resigned amid allegations of NCAA violations. The task was made more difficult by the radical transformation of the offense from Jenkins' run-and-shoot to Helton's conventional, run-oriented pro-style attack.

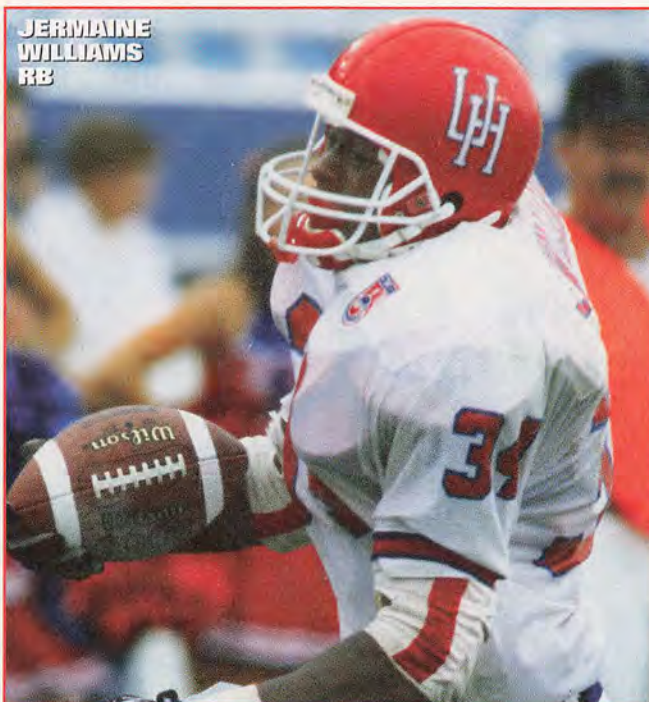
But things became much tougher when so many players began going down with injuries last season, most notably quarterback Chuck Clements. Clements is back, but things won't get any easier. As many as eight recruits should play — five may start — when Houston opens on the road at Florida.

The good news, however, is that Helton has established what he wants for the Houston program. In exchange for the pain of two horrible seasons, Houston has shown its plan: Hire a former NFL offensive line coach, build the world's biggest weight room, then recruit earth-movers to fill the weight room and move the ball. Recruiting hasn't been spectacular, but it has been solid enough to rebuild Helton's way. The project, unlike the celebrated new training facility which opened in the spring, is still very much a work in progress. But progress has been made.

OFFENSE: Clements is one of the league's most skilled quarterbacks, and, despite the graduation of receivers Daniel Adams and Ron Peters, he should have some talented targets, starting with Damion Johnson and Charles West. But the Cougars must improve on the offensive line to keep Clements healthy and to move the ball on the ground. And they must do it after the graduation of the team's best player, tackle Billy Milner. The other tackle, Jimmy Herndon, and promising center Ben Fricke do return, but Helton might rush to fill the other spots with recruits.

He'll have to find a new tight end. As part of the run-and-shoot's legacy, Helton went through spring without a tight end on the roster. As the offensive line improves, so will the running game. Tailback Jermaine Williams struggled early, but came around as the season progressed to rush for 670 yards. Fullback Jay McGuire, though just a freshman, also showed promise. **DEFENSE:** Houston was 103rd in run defense last season. To remedy this, Helton moved talented end Otis Grant from tackle to line up next to his best down lineman, Carlos Chester. Jason Brown will have to make an impact at end.

Mike Parker, who had a team-leading 99 tackles last season as a true freshman, should become one of the league's best linebackers. Chad Shaw has shown enough potential as Parker's backup that



JERMAINE WILLIAMS
RB

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Chuck Clements (Jr., 6-3, 184)*	Chad O'Shea (Sr., 6-0, 210)
TB: Jermaine Williams (Jr., 6-1, 202)*	Jay McGuire (So., 5-5, 200)*
FB: Ryan Burton (So., 6-0, 190)*	Armando Marroquin (So., 5-11, 230)
WR: Damion Johnson (Jr., 6-2, 175)	Larkay James (Sr., 5-9, 176)
WR: Jason deGroot (So., 5-11, 175)	Kenton Williams (Sr., 5-9, 176)
TE: Kacy Jones (So., 6-2, 231)	Mike Fuller (Jr., 6-4, 243)
LE: Jimmy Herndon (Sr., 6-8, 280)*	Marcus Briggs (Jr., 6-3, 290)
LG: Ronnie Price (Jr., 6-4, 253)	Jack Hansen (Sr., 6-1, 266)
C: Ben Fricke (So., 6-2, 275)*	Wayne Wheeler (Sr., 6-1, 277)*
RG: Steven Williams (Sr., 6-1, 282)*	Charles Johnson (Fr., 6-3, 266)
RT: Dave Roberts (Jr., 6-4, 270)	Greg Brown (Fr., 6-1, 315)

DEFENSE

DE: Rusty Foster (So., 6-3, 235)*	Marlon Fouts (Sr., 6-0, 250)*
DE: Carlos Chester (Sr., 6-2, 245)*	Delondo Fields (Jr., 6-0, 260)
DE: Otis Grant (Sr., 6-6, 255)*	Leonta Rheams (So., 6-3, 250)
DE: Jason Brown (So., 6-6, 225)	Louis Hampton (Fr., 6-4, 230)
LB: Keon Banks (So., 5-11, 200)*	Paris Deadmon (Jr., 6-2, 225)
LB: Mike Parker (So., 6-3, 215)	Chad Shaw (So., 6-2, 225)*
LB: Eric Woloson (So., 6-2, 218)	James Reddish (Jr., 6-0, 210)
CB: Delmonico Montgomery (Jr., 5-11, 177)	Derrick Boxill (Fr., 5-10, 155)
CB: Dedric Mathis (Sr., 5-10, 181)*	Thomathan Good (So., 6-0, 185)
SS: Thomas McAughey (Sr., 6-1, 206)	Mike Jones (So., 6-0, 180)
FS: Gerome Williams (Sr., 6-0, 195)*	Bubba Meche (Fr., 6-1, 190)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Mike Waddell (Fr., 5-11, 158)	Sebastian Villarreal (So., 5-11, 160)
P: Mike Waddell (Fr., 5-11, 158)	Toby Johnson (Jr., 6-1, 190)

(* denotes returning starter)

Helton might have to find a way to get him on the field. Rusty Foster has been moved from end to linebacker and will play next to Parker.

Gerome Williams, the Cougars' second-leading tackler the past two years, was moved from strong to free safety, but the key to the Cougars' secondary might be at the corners. Alfred Young and John Brown held down the corners for several seasons, but Delmonico Montgomery and Dedric Mathis, a former safety, show potential. Still, the Cougars might have to rely upon several incoming players defensively as Helton continues to piece together his rebuilding.

SPECIAL TEAMS: The Cougars lost effective punter Jason Stoft and placekicker Trace Craft.

Back to the drawing board again. **RECRUITING:** Helton finally got what he wanted most with four huge offensive linemen, including junior college standout Marcus Spriggs. The biggest name, however, is defensive end Ahmad Charles, who had originally committed to Texas A&M. His high school teammate, Freddie Fisher, could also play early. JUCO running back Antowain Smith may have an immediate impact.

Jonathan Feigen is a staff writer for the Houston (Texas) Chronicle.

FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Astrodome, Houston, Texas (60,000, artificial), and Robertson Stadium (23,000, grass)

RETURNING STARTERS (16): Offense (8); Defense (8)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Jason Stoft, P (1st-team All-SWC)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Chuck Clements, Jr., 91-162-838 yards, 3 TDs, 5 INTs

RUSHING: Jermaine Williams, Sr., 136 carries, 670 yards, 5 TDs

RECEIVING (catches): Jay McGuire, So., 28, 1 TD

RECEIVING (yards): Charles West, Jr., 312

TACKLES: Mike Parker, So., 99

SACKS: Marlon Fouts, Sr., 4

INTERCEPTIONS: Thomas

McAughey, Sr., and Del

Montgomery, Jr., 1 each

PUNTING: None

KICKING: None

SCORING: Williams, 30 points (5 TDs)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	at Florida
Sept. 9	LOUISIANA TECH*
Sept. 16	at USC
Sept. 23	at Kansas
Oct. 7	at TCU
Oct. 14	BAYLOR
Oct. 21	SMU
Oct. 28	at Texas A&M
Nov. 11	TEXAS
Nov. 25	TEXAS TECH
	* at Robertson Stadium

1994 RESULTS

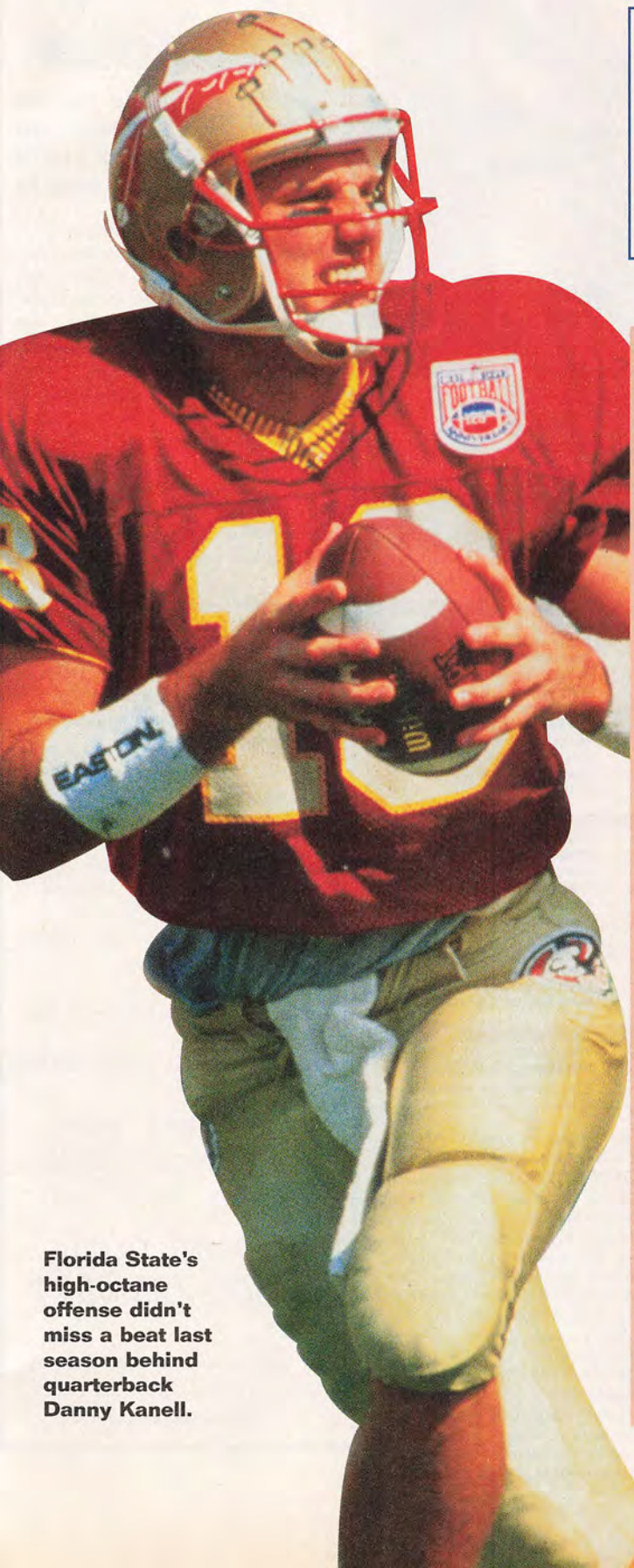
Sept. 1	KANSAS; lost, 35-13
Sept. 10	at La. Tech; lost, 32-7
Sept. 17	MISSOURI; lost, 16-0
Sept. 24	at Ohio State; lost, 52-0
Oct. 8	TEXAS A&M; lost, 38-7
Oct. 15	at SMU; won, 39-33
Oct. 22	TCU; lost, 31-10
Oct. 29	at Baylor; lost, 52-13
Nov. 12	at Texas; lost, 48-13
Nov. 19	at Texas Tech; lost, 34-0
Nov. 26	RICE; lost, 31-13

MILESTONES

- Mike Parker had 99 tackles last season to become the first true freshman in Cougars' history to lead the team in tackles.
- Houston was 95th nationally in total offense, 100th in total defense, 103rd in scoring defense and 106th

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Vast improvement on the offensive and defensive lines.
- ✓ A more productive ground game.
- ✓ A healthy season for quarterback Chuck Clements.



Florida State's high-octane offense didn't miss a beat last season behind quarterback Danny Kanell.

PROJECTED ORDER OF FINISH

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|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Florida State | 6. Duke |
| 2. Virginia | 7. Maryland |
| 3. North Carolina St. | 8. Georgia Tech |
| 4. North Carolina | 9. Wake Forest |
| 5. Clemson | |

All-ACC Offense

POSITION/PLAYER	YR.	HT./WT.	COLLEGE
QB Danny Kanell	Sr.	6-4/215	Florida State
RB Warrick Dunn	Jr.	5-9/178	Florida State
RB Leon Johnson	Jr.	6-1/210	N. Carolina
WR Geroy Simon	Jr.	6-1/175	Maryland
WR Jermaine Lewis	Sr.	5-9/170	Maryland
TE Bill Khayat	Sr.	6-4/225	Duke
OL Chris Hennie-Roed	Sr.	6-5/269	N.C. State
OL Elton Ndoma-Ogar	Jr.	6-3/284	Wake Forest
OL Lewis Tyre	Sr.	6-5/264	Florida State
OL Michael Cheever	Sr.	6-4/281	Georgia Tech
C Clay Shiver	Sr.	6-2/275	Florida State

All-ACC Defense

POSITION/PLAYER	YR.	HT./WT.	COLLEGE
DL Marcus Jones	Sr.	6-6/260	N. Carolina
DL Reinard Wilson	Jr.	6-2/233	Florida State
DL Marvin Cross	Sr.	6-4/253	Clemson
DL Ratcliff Thomas	Jr.	6-1/215	Maryland
LB Jamie Sharper	Jr.	6-3/209	Virginia
LB Juan Zuanich	Sr.	6-3/205	Duke
LB Sam Cowart	Jr.	6-3/239	Florida State
DB Ray Farmer	Sr.	6-4/220	Duke
DB Ronde Barber	So.	5-10/169	Virginia
DB Brian Dawkins	Sr.	6-0/185	Clemson
DB Dexter McCleon	Jr.	5-10/190	Clemson

All-ACC Special Teams

POSITION/PLAYER	YR.	HT./WT.	COLLEGE
PK Rafael Garcia	Jr.	5-10/189	Virginia
P Will Brice	Jr.	6-4/193	Virginia
RS Marcus Wall	Sr.	5-10/165	N. Carolina

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Warrick Dunn, Florida State

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Marcus Jones, North Carolina

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Peter Warrick, WR, Florida State

FLORIDA STATE SEMINOLES

COACH: BOBBY BOWDEN, 20TH YEAR,
176-47-4; 249-79-4 OVERALL
'94 RECORD: 10-1-1 (8-0 CONF.)
FINAL RANKINGS: NO. 4 AP,
NO. 5 USA TODAY-CNN

FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Doak Campbell Stadium, Tallahassee, Fla. (75,000, grass)

RETURNING STARTERS (13): Offense (7); Defense (5); Specialists (1)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Derrick Brooks, LB (1st-team All America); Clifton Abraham, DB (1st-team All America); Derrick Alexander, DE (1st-team All America); Kez McCorvey, WR (1st-team All-ACC); Patrick McNeil, G (1st-team All-ACC); Corey Fuller, DB (1st-team All-ACC)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Danny Kanell, Sr., 227-380-2,781 yards, 17 TDs, 13 INTs

RUSHING: Warrick Dunn, Jr., 152 carries, 1,026 yards, 8 TDs

RECEIVING (catches): Dunn, 34, 1 TD

RECEIVING (yards): Andre Cooper, Jr., 359

TACKLES: Daryl Bush, So., 86

SACKS: Reinard Wilson, Jr., 11

INTERCEPTIONS: (tie) Sean Hamlet, Jr., Todd Rebol, Sr., and James Colzie, Jr., 2

PUNTING: Sean Liss, Jr., 38.4 avg.

KICKING: Scott Bentley, Jr., 4-7 FGs, 25-27 PATs

SCORING: Rock Preston, So., 66 points (11 TDs)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . DUKE (in Orlando)
Sept. 9 . . . at North Carolina
Sept. 16 . . . WAKE FOREST
Sept. 23 . . . CENTRAL FLORIDA
Sept. 30 . . . MARYLAND
Oct. 7 . . . MIAMI (FLA.)
Oct. 14 . . . at Virginia
Oct. 21 . . . GEORGIA TECH
Nov. 4 . . . at Clemson
Nov. 18 . . . NORTH CAROLINA ST.
Nov. 25 . . . at Florida

1994 RESULTS

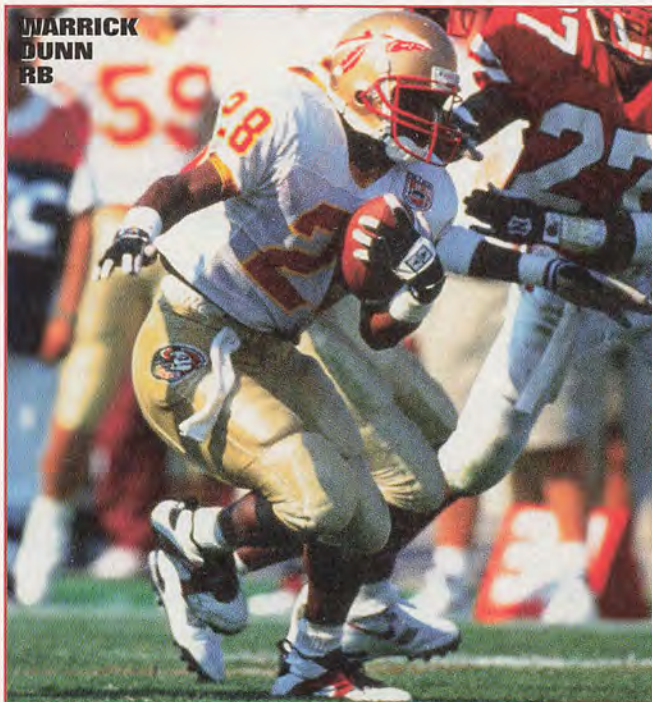
Sept. 3 . . . VIRGINIA; won, 41-17
Sept. 10 . . . at Maryland; won, 52-20
Sept. 17 . . . at W. Forest; won, 56-14
Sept. 24 . . . N. CAROLINA; won, 31-18
Oct. 8 . . . at Miami (Fla.); lost, 34-20
Oct. 22 . . . CLEMSON; won, 17-0
Oct. 29 . . . DUKE; won, 59-20
Nov. 5 . . . at Ga. Tech; won, 41-10
Nov. 12 . . . NOTRE DAME; won, 23-16
Nov. 19 . . . at N. C. State; won, 34-3
Nov. 26 . . . FLORIDA; tie, 31-31
Jan. 2 . . . vs. Florida in Sugar Bowl; won, 23-17

MILESTONE

■ FSU has eight straight 10-win seasons—an NCAA record.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Development of FSU receivers and secondary.
- ✓ QB Danny Kanell must pick up where he left off last season.
- ✓ Kicker Scott Bentley must start living up to the hype.



PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Danny Kanell (Sr., 6-4, 215)*	Thad Bushy (So., 6-4, 215)
TB: Warrick Dunn (Jr., 5-9, 178)*	Rock Preston (So., 5-9, 183)
FB: Pooh Bear Williams (So., 6-1, 266)	Dennis Andrews (Sr., 6-4, 247)
WR: Wayne Messam (Jr., 6-4, 210)	E.G. Green (So., 6-0, 185)
WR: Andre Cooper (Jr., 6-2, 194)	Phillip Riley (Sr., 5-11, 185)
TE: Melvin Pearsall (So., 6-1, 242)*	Larry Fleming (So., 6-2, 255)
OE: Jesus Hernandez (Sr., 6-2, 288)*	Juan Laureano (Sr., 6-5, 283)
OG: Lewis Tyre (Sr., 6-5, 272)*	Tim Johnson (Sr., 6-4, 295)
C: Clay Shiver (Sr., 6-2, 280)*	Andy Crowe (Sr., 6-3, 262)
OG: Chad Bates (Jr., 6-3, 269)	Marcus Long (Jr., 6-3, 323)
OE: Todd Fordham (Jr., 6-5, 292)*	Tra Thomas (So., 6-8, 319)

DEFENSE

DE: Reinard Wilson (Jr., 6-2, 245)	Peter Boulware (So., 6-5, 234)
DE: Orpheus Roye (Sr., 6-4, 275)*	Julian Pittman (So., 6-3, 265)
DE: Andre Wadsworth (So., 6-4, 270)*	Connell Spain (Jr., 6-2, 285)
DE: Tyrant Marion (Sr., 6-2, 252)	Greg Spires (So., 6-2, 260)
LB: Sam Cowart (Jr., 6-3, 239)	Demetro Stephens (Fr., 6-32, 236)
LB: Daryl Bush (So., 6-2, 230)*	Henri Crockett (Jr., 6-2, 238)
LB: Todd Rebol (Sr., 6-0, 215)*	Hank Grant (Fr., 6-2, 224)
CB: Samari Rolle (So., 6-1, 170)	James Colzie (Jr., 5-9, 160)
CB: Byron Capers (Jr., 6-1, 194)	Rodney Wells (So., 5-10, 185)
SS: Robert Hammond (So., 6-3, 185)	Harold Battles (So., 6-0, 200)
FS: Sean Hamlet (Jr., 6-0, 216)*	Marlin Green (Jr., 6-0, 190)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Scott Bentley (Jr., 5-11, 178)	Travis Chambers (Jr., 6-0, 165)
P: Sean Liss (Jr., 6-4, 220)*	Scott Bentley (Jr., 5-11, 178)

(* denotes returning starter)

By JIM HENRY

The Seminoles are thrilled to put last year behind them.

After winning the program's first national title in 1993, FSU was shadowed by scandal and negative publicity. However, an independent law firm conducted a seven-month investigation into FSU's troubles and cleared the university of any wrongdoings. But 14 violations—eight regarding the infamous shopping spree in 1993—were uncovered during the probe.

In February, the NCAA launched a preliminary inquiry into the Seminoles' athletic program. Jolted by last

year's problems, coach Bobby Bowden is eager to return to the field.

OFFENSE: Quarterback Danny Kanell is unique. Despite hearing boos while guiding the Seminoles through the nation's third toughest schedule and drawing comparisons to Heisman Trophy winner Charlie Ward, Kanell finished fast and furious. Following a midseason loss to Miami, Kanell finally felt at ease in the Seminoles' fast-break offense. He rallied FSU from a 31-3 fourth-quarter deficit against Florida in the regular-season finale, doing most of the damage from the shotgun, and also led the Atlantic Coast

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By PAUL McMULLEN

The Cavaliers have been the most consistent program in the Atlantic Coast Conference for a decade, and there isn't any reason to think that coach George Welsh will let them acquiesce in 1995.

Virginia, which opens at Michigan in the Pigskin Classic and also plays at Texas, is coming off only the third nine-win season in school history and its first bowl victory since 1987, accomplishments which got the Cavaliers ranked No. 13 in the final coaches poll and No. 15 by the media. They figure to be in the Top 20 in the preseason.

The Cavaliers lost several outstanding veterans, but they'll still control the ball and throw low-risk passes on offense and put up a confounding defensive scheme.

"I think we'll be a good football team, but I don't know if we can approach being as good on defense as we were last year," Welsh said. "I think we can approach the level we've been on offense the last couple of years and play good, sound defense."

OFFENSE: Symion Willis was coming off a solid sophomore campaign last year, but when he went out with a hamstring injury in the fifth game, Mike Groh started the last seven games at quarterback and led the ACC in passing efficiency. The job is Groh's now. Willis bailed out of spring practice to play baseball.

The Cavaliers lost a fine fullback in Charles Way and a clutch wide receiver in Tyrone Davis, but they've got four starters back on the offensive line, all of their tight ends and the two top tailbacks in Kevin Brooks and Tiki Barber, who combined for 1,332 yards last year. Patrick Jeffers sparked at the end of last season at wide receiver.

"With the number of starters we have returning on offense, we feel we can be productive there again," Welsh said. "We'll miss Tyrone Davis and his big-play capability, Charles Way's leadership and Bryan Heath at center. Hopefully, some other players will come through."

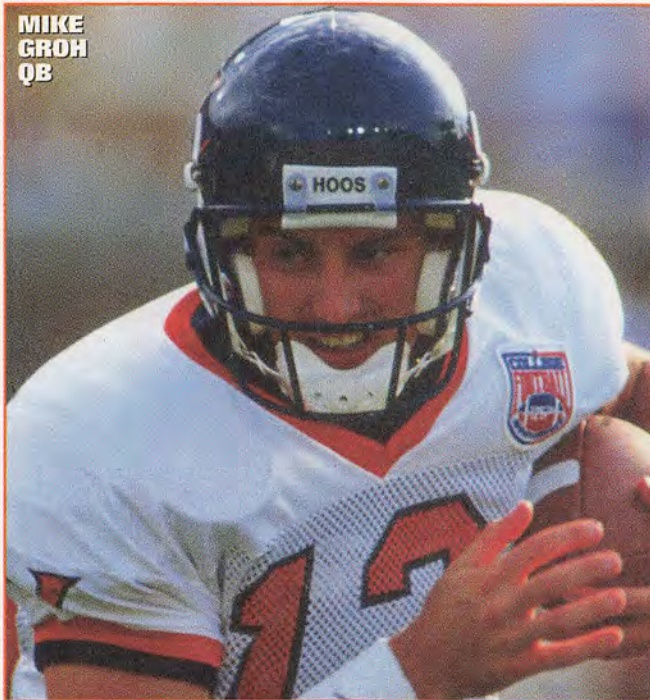
DEFENSE: Welsh doesn't know if Virginia will ever replace end Mike Frederick (26 career sacks, the third round pick of the Cleveland Browns), or linebacker Randy Neal, the only player in school history to return four interceptions for touchdowns.

"Depth is a concern, especially along the defensive line," Welsh said.

Actually, Virginia, which led the nation in both rushing defense and interceptions last year, returns 10 of the top 14 tacklers from a unit that was 21st in the nation in total defense.

The leaders will be around for a while. Cornerback Ronde Barber, the first Virginia freshman ever to be voted first-team All-ACC, was also the conference's Rookie of

MIKE GROH QB



PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Mike Groh (Sr., 6-3, 199)*	Tim Sherman (Jr., 6-1, 203)
TB: Kevin Brooks (Sr., 5-11, 195)*	Tiki Barber (Jr., 5-10, 180)
FB: Darrell Medley (Jr., 6-2, 229)	Charles Kirby (So., 6-1, 230)
WR: Patrick Jeffers (Sr., 6-4, 214)	Germane Crowell (So., 6-4, 193)
WR: Demetrius Allen (Sr., 5-10, 150)*	Derick Byrd (So., 6-2, 199)
TE: Bobby Neely (Sr., 6-4, 245)*	Walt Dery (Jr., 6-5, 244)
LE: Jason Augustine (Sr., 6-6, 274)*	Doug Karczewski (So., 6-5, 265)
LB: Jeremy Raley (Jr., 6-3, 272)*	Ken Buczynski (Jr., 6-3, 273)
C: Dave Gathman (Jr., 6-5, 260)	Matt Link (So., 6-3, 272)
RG: John Slocum (Sr., 6-6, 298)*	Trevor Britton (So., 6-3, 265)
RT: Chris Harrison (Sr., 6-4, 283)*	Mike Kelly (Jr., 6-4, 273)

DEFENSE

DE: Jon Harris (Jr., 6-8, 246)	Eddie Robertson (Sr., 6-3, 249)
DE: Tony Agee (So., 6-5, 269)	Maurice Anderson (Fr., 6-4, 260)
DE: Todd White (Jr., 6-1, 260)*	Julius Williams (So., 6-3, 283)
DE: Duane Ashman (Jr., 6-4, 260)*	Eddie Robertson (Sr., 6-3, 249)
LB: James Farrior (Jr., 6-2, 226)*	Greg Terry (Jr., 5-11, 239)
LB: Skeet Jones (Sr., 6-2, 226)	Kirk Willett (Fr., 6-3, 224)
LB: Jamie Sharper (Jr., 6-3, 228)*	Barry Simmons (Jr., 6-2, 228)
CB: Ronde Barber (So., 5-10, 189)*	Joe Rowe (Jr., 6-0, 189)
CB: Joe Crocker (Sr., 6-0, 197)*	Sam McKiver (Jr., 5-8, 188)
S: Percy Ellsworth (Sr., 6-3, 199)*	Joe Williams (So., 5-11, 168)
S: Paul London (Sr., 6-2, 197)	Anthony Poindexter (Fr., 6-1, 190)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Rafael Garcia (Jr., 5-10, 194)*	Kyle Kirkelde (Jr., 5-11, 165)
P: Will Brice (Jr., 6-5, 202)*	Frank Rotella (So., 5-11, 188)

(* denotes returning starter)

the Year and a third-team All America. He had eight interceptions. As a sophomore, linebacker Jamie Sharper led the Cavaliers with 118 tackles and made second-team All-ACC.

There are five other returning starters, including linebacker James Farrior and tackle Todd White, the third- and fourth-leading tacklers.

SPECIAL TEAMS: This was an overlooked factor in Virginia success, and all of the statistical leaders are back.

Will Brice's hang-time helped the Cavaliers lead the ACC in net punting average. Only 11 of his punts were returned, and the 18 yards

allowed was the least in the nation. Fellow junior Rafael Garcia set a school record with five field goals against Virginia Tech. Tiki Barber and wide receiver Demetrius Allen are dangerous return men.

RECRUITING: The Cavaliers needed numbers after back-to-back classes of 14 recruits, and they got a good-looking group of 24. They went to Baltimore for two-way (WR/DB) All America Dwayne Stukes, and northern Virginia delivered one of the nation's top tight end prospects in Casey Crawford.

Paul McMullen covers ACC football for the Baltimore Sun.

FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Scott Stadium, Charlottesville, Va. (40,000, grass)
RETURNING STARTERS (17): Offense (8); Defense (7), Specialists (2)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Mike Frederick, DL (1st-team All-ACC); Tyrone Davis, WR (2nd-team All-ACC); Ryan Kuehl, DL (2nd-team All-ACC)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Mike Groh, Sr., 138-216-1,711 yards, 13 TDs, 7 INTs
RUSHING: Kevin Brooks, Sr., 173 carries, 741 yards, 8 TDs
RECEIVING (catches): Patrick Jeffers, Sr., 33
RECEIVING (yards): Jeffers, 560 yards
TACKLES: Jamie Sharper, Jr., 118
SACKS: Todd White and Duane Ashman, Jr., 5.5 each
INTERCEPTIONS: Ronde Barber, So., 8
PUNTING: Will Brice, Jr., 40.2 avg.
KICKING: Rafael Garcia, Jr., 17-22 FGs (long 50), 34-34 PATs
SCORING: Garcia, 85 points

1995 SCHEDULE

Aug. 26 . . . at Michigan (Pigskin Classic)
Sept. 2 . . . WILLIAM & MARY
Sept. 9 . . . at North Carolina State
Sept. 16 . . . GEORGIA TECH
Sept. 23 . . . at Clemson
Sept. 30 . . . WAKE FOREST
Oct. 7 . . . at North Carolina
Oct. 14 . . . DUKE
Oct. 21 . . . at Texas
Nov. 2 . . . FLORIDA STATE
Nov. 11 . . . at Maryland
Nov. 18 . . . VIRGINIA TECH

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . at Florida St.; lost 41-17
Sept. 10 . . . at Navy; won 47-10
Sept. 17 . . . CLEMSON; won 9-6
Oct. 1 . . . WM. & MARY; won 37-3
Oct. 8 . . . at Wake Forest; won 42-6
Oct. 15 . . . at Georgia Tech; won 24-7
Oct. 22 . . . N. C.; won 34-10
Nov. 5 . . . at Duke; lost 28-25
Nov. 12 . . . MARYLAND; won 46-21
Nov. 19 . . . at Virginia Tech; won 42-23
Nov. 25 . . . N.C. STATE; lost 30-27
Dec. 30 . . . vs. TCU in Independence Bowl; won 20-10

MILESTONE

■ Virginia was No. 1 in the nation in rushing defense (63.6 ypg) last year.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Replace end Mike Frederick and several other defensive mainstays.
- ✓ Avoid the late-season swoon that has afflicted the Cavaliers in the 1990s.
- ✓ Find a fullback.

By BILL DOHERTY

North Carolina State head coach Mike O'Cain dreams of the day when his program will be mentioned in the same breath as the nation's heavyweights — the Nebraskas, Florida States and Penn States of the world.

It's not a pipe dream. Under O'Cain's predecessor Dick Sheridan, the Wolfpack evolved into a perennial second-tier bowl team. O'Cain has kept the 'Pack at that level in his two seasons as head coach, compiling a 16-8 record and making back-to-back bowl appearances. In fact, last season's trip to the Peach Bowl — which the Wolfpack won, 28-24, over Mississippi State — marked the seventh consecutive bowl trip for North Carolina State.

Making it eight in a row won't be easy. Of the Wolfpack's first seven games, five of them are against teams which also went bowling last season, including tough road dates against Florida State and Alabama. Despite the ambitious slate, the Wolfpack should once again be near the top of the pack in the ACC. And if O'Cain can rebuild the defensive line and linebacking corps they could make some noise nationally.

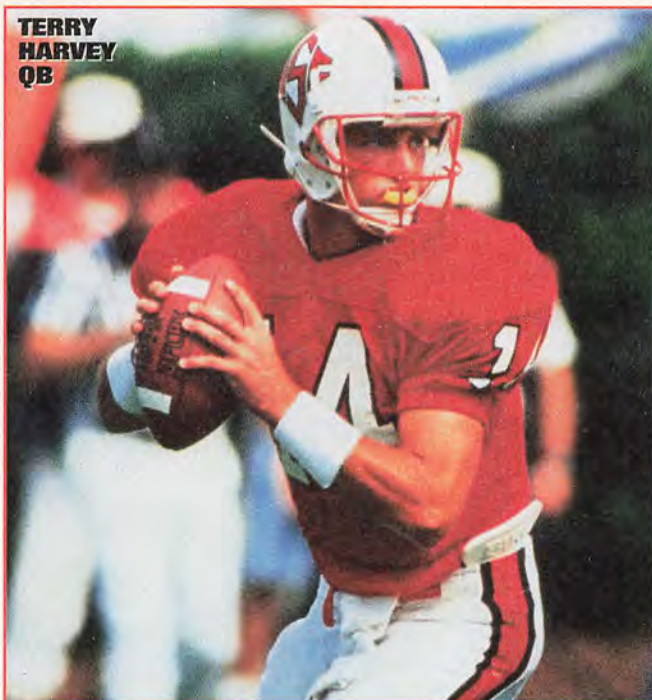
OFFENSE: Senior quarterback Terry Harvey returns to engineer the Wolfpack attack. The school's record holder for career wins and strikeouts as a baseball pitcher, Harvey had solid numbers on the gridiron, too, completing 116 of 199 passes (58.3 percent) for 1,466 yards, eight touchdowns and nine interceptions last fall. He has thrown for more than 2,800 yards in his career.

However, with the graduation of speedy wideout Eddie Goines, Harvey's best bet might be to turn around and hand the ball off to one of the league's top young running back tandems of sophomore tailback Tremayne Stephens and junior fullback Rod Brown. Stephens, a second-team All-ACC performer, exploded onto the college scene as a freshman, rushing for 791 yards in just nine games. Brown rushed for 563 yards and scored five touchdowns. And the line should be strong with three senior starters returning in guard Steve Keim and the Redmond brothers — guard Jonathan and center Kenneth.

DEFENSE: O'Cain must replace six starters on defense, including All-ACC performer Damien Covington at middle linebacker, the school's all-time leading tackler. The strength of this year's unit will be the secondary, where three starters return in cornerback Ricky Bell and safeties James Walker and Kenny Harris. The best of the lot is Bell (62 tackles, one INT), a bonafide All-America candidate. Senior defensive tackle Mike Harrison (50 tackles) will be the leader of the line.

"Unfortunately, because of our early season schedule, these men

TERRY HARVEY
QB



PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Terry Harvey (Sr., 6-1, 190)*	Jose Laureano (Fr., 6-2, 179)
RB: Tremayne Stephens (So., 5-11, 194)*	Carlos King (So., 6-2, 212)
RB: Rod Brown (Jr., 6-0, 235)*	Carlos King (So., 6-2, 212)
WR: Mike Guffie (Sr., 6-3, 200)*	Alvis Whitted (So., 6-0, 177)
WR: Jimmy Grissett (Jr., 6-0, 190)	Greg Addie (So., 6-1, 195)
TE: Mark Thomas (So., 6-5, 221)	Jason McGeorge (Jr., 6-3, 226)
LE: Terrence Boykin (Jr., 6-7, 259)	Ian Rafferty (Fr., 6-5, 260)
LB: Steve Klein (Sr., 6-3, 282)*	J.J. Jones (Fr., 6-3, 251)
C: Kenneth Redmond (Sr., 6-2, 261)*	Seamus Murphy (So., 6-6, 263)
RG: Jonathan Redmond (Sr., 6-1, 295)*	Lonnie Gilbert (So., 6-2, 262)
RE: Lamont McCauley (Sr., 6-3, 269)	Tom Dombalis (Jr., 6-4, 264)

DEFENSE

DE: Jon Rissler (Sr., 6-3, 238)*	Clayton Simon (So., 6-5, 230)
DE: George Williams (So., 6-3, 284)	Mark Lawrence (Jr., 6-2, 243)
DE: Mike Harrison (Sr., 6-5, 290)*	Lateef Patterson (So., 6-5, 290)
DE: Brad Collins (So., 6-6, 230)	Chris McNeil (So., 6-2, 231)
LB: Kit Carpenter (So., 6-0, 209)	Lerone Harper (Sr., 6-1, 228)
LB: Morocco Brown (So., 6-0, 221)	Ron Melnik (Jr., 6-2, 230)
LB: Duan Everett (So., 6-1, 198)	Steven McKnight (So., 6-0, 225)
CB: Ricky Bell (Jr., 6-10, 193)*	Kevin Russell (So., 5-10, 166)
CB: Allen Johnson (Sr., 6-0, 185)	Hassan Shamsid-Deen (Fr., 5-8, 174)
SS: Kenny Harris (Jr., 6-2, 197)*	Brandon Davis (So., 6-1, 201)
FS: James Walker (Sr., 6-3, 203)*	Damon Wyche (So., 5-11, 184)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Marc Primanti (Jr., 5-7, 164)	Chris Hensler (So., 5-11, 185)
P: Jay Dukes (Fr., 5-11, 200)	Jason Biggs (So., 5-10, 190)

(* denotes returning starter)

will have to grow up quickly," O'Cain said.

SPECIAL TEAMS: This is an area of concern for the Wolfpack. Steady punter Chad Robson and two-time first-team All-ACC kicker Steve Videtich must both be replaced. Sophomore Jason Biggs punted just three times last season for a 33.3-yard average, while three walk-ons will battle to replace Videtich, who connected on nearly 80 percent of his field-goal tries. The good news is the return of sophomore return specialist Alvis Whitted, who averaged 25.1 yards per kickoff return, including a 97-yard touchdown return against

Maryland — the school's first kickoff return for a score in 32 years.

RECRUITING: The Wolfpack went after skill position players and did quite well, landing their quarterback of the future and a solid stable of runners. The quarterback is freshman Jamie Barnette, who threw for 2,799 yards and 22 touchdowns as a high school senior in Roxboro, N.C. The group of runners is led by speedy tailback Quentin Neals and bruising fullback Kevin Hubbard (6-foot-1, 250 pounds). On defense, linebacker Tim Ramsey and freshman defensive back Tony Scott are a pair of key in-state freshman recruits.

FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Carter-Finley Stadium, Raleigh, N.C. (59,000, grass)

RETURNING STARTERS (12): Offense (7); Defense (5)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Eddie Goines, WR (1st-team All-ACC); Steve Videtich, K (1st-team All-ACC); Damien Covington, LB (1st-team All-ACC); Carl Reeves, DL (2nd-team All-ACC); Brian Fitzgerald, RB (entered NFL draft)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Terry Harvey, Sr., 116-199-1,466 yards, 8 TDs, 9 INTs

RUSHING: Tremayne Stephens, So., 125 carries, 791 yards, 3 TDs

RECEIVING (catches): Brian Fitzgerald, Sr., 23

RECEIVING (yards): Mike Guffie, Sr., 262 yards

TACKLES: James Walker, Sr., 84

SACKS: Jon Rissler, Sr., 3.5

INTERCEPTIONS: Walker, Sr., 2

PUNTING: Jason Biggs, So., 33.3 avg.

KICKING: None

SCORING: Carlos King, So., 42 points (7 TDs)

1995 SCHEDULE

Aug. 31	. MARSHALL
Sept. 9	. VIRGINIA
Sept. 16	. at Florida State
Sept. 23	. BAYLOR
Sept. 30	. CLEMSON
Oct. 7	. . . at Alabama
Oct. 21	. . . at Duke
Nov. 4	. . . MARYLAND
Nov. 11	. . . at Georgia Tech
Nov. 18	. . . at Wake Forest
Nov. 24	. . . NORTH CAROLINA

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 1	. . . BOWLING GREEN; won, 20-15
Sept. 10	. at Clemson; won, 29-12
Sept. 17	. W. CAROLINA; won, 38-13
Oct. 1	. . . GEORGIA TECH; won, 21-13
Oct. 8	. . . at Louisville; lost, 35-14
Oct. 15	. . . WAKE FOREST; won, 34-3
Oct. 20	. . . at N.C.; lost, 31-17
Nov. 5	. . . at Maryland; won, 47-45
Nov. 12	. . . DUKE; won, 24-23
Nov. 19	. . . FLORIDA ST.; lost, 34-3
Nov. 25	. . . at Virginia; won, 30-27
Jan. 1	. . . vs. Mississippi St. in Peach Bowl; won, 28-24

MILESTONE

■ The Wolfpack aim for their eighth consecutive bowl appearance.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Rebuilding the defensive line and linebacking corps.
- ✓ Finding a new placekicker and punter.
- ✓ Surviving a brutal early schedule.

NORTH CAROLINA

TAR HEELS

COACH: MACK BROWN, 7TH YEAR, 42-38-1,
59-66-1 OVERALL
'94 RECORD: 8-4 OVERALL (5-3 CONF.)
FINAL RANKING: NO. 21 USA TODAY/CNN

FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Kenan Memorial, Chapel Hill, N.C. (52,000, grass)
RETURNING STARTERS (10); Offense (6); Defense (3); Specialists (1)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Greg DeLong, TE (1st-team All-ACC); Marcus Jones, DL (1st-team All-ACC); Roge Purgason, OT (2nd-team All-ACC); Curtis Johnson, RB (entered NFL draft)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Mike Thomas, Sr., 39-83-715 yards, 8 TDs, 3 INTs
RUSHING: Leon Johnson, Jr., 151 carries, 805 yards, 7 TDs
RECEIVING (catches): Octavus Barnes, So., 32
RECEIVING (yards): Barnes, 609 yards
TACKLES: Fuzzy Lee, Sr., 63
SACKS: Greg Ellis, So., 5
INTERCEPTIONS: Sean Boyd, Sr., 2
PUNTING: Mike Thomas, Sr., 39.4 avg.
KICKING: None
SCORING: Marcus Wall, Sr., 66 points (11 TDs)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . SYRACUSE
Sept. 9 . . . at Maryland
Sept. 21 . . . at Louisville
Sept. 30 . . . OHIO U.
Oct. 7 . . . VIRGINIA
Oct. 14 . . . at Georgia Tech
Oct. 21 . . . WAKE FOREST
Nov. 4 . . . at Clemson
Nov. 11 . . . FLORIDA STATE
Nov. 18 . . . DUKE
Nov. 24 . . . at North Carolina State

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . TCU; won, 27-17
Sept. 17 . . . TULANE; won, 49-0
Sept. 24 . . . at Florida St.; lost, 31-18
Oct. 1 . . . at SMU; won, 28-24
Oct. 8 . . . GEORGIA TECH; won, 31-24
Oct. 15 . . . MARYLAND; won, 41-17
Oct. 22 . . . at Virginia; lost, 34-10
Oct. 29 . . . N.C. STATE; won, 31-17
Nov. 5 . . . CLEMSON; lost, 28-17
Nov. 12 . . . at Wake Forest; won, 50-0
Nov. 19 . . . at Duke; won, 41-40
Dec. 30 . . . vs. Texas in Sun Bowl; lost 35-31

MILESTONE

■ Leon Johnson (1,817 yards) needs to average 1,287 yards in the next two years to pass Amos Lawrence and become the all-time leading rusher (4,391).

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ QB Mike Thomas must make UNC fans forget about record-setter Jason Stanicek.
- ✓ Leon Johnson must carry the lion's share of work at tailback.
- ✓ Defensive tackle Marcus Jones and a seasoned secondary must live up to their potential.

LEON JOHNSON RB



PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Mike Thomas (Sr., 6-3, 236)	Oscar Davenport (Fr., 6-4, 185)
TB: Leon Johnson (Jr., 6-1, 208)*	Mike Geter (So., 5-11, 202)
FB: Chris Watson (Jr., 5-10, 233)	Maurice McGregor (Jr., 6-1, 253)
WR: Octavus Barnes (So., 6-1, 189)*	Darrin Ashford (Jr., 5-10, 174)
WR: Marcus Wall (Sr., 5-10, 165)*	Greg Williams (So., 6-0, 181)
TE: Freddie Jones (Jr., 6-5, 252)	Marc Montoro (Jr., 6-4, 235)
LE: Ryan Hoffman (So., 6-5, 277)	Byron Thomas (Jr., 6-3, 312)*
LE: Jerness Gethers (Jr., 6-3, 262)*	Mike Baxter (So., 6-4, 271)
C: Jeff Saturday (So., 6-3, 270)	Pat Conneely (Sr., 6-5, 250)
RG: Mike Hobgood (So., 6-3, 270)*	Brian Honeycutt (Jr., 6-4, 260)
RE: Ryan Hoffman (So., 6-5, 277)	Russell Babb (Sr., 6-5, 295)

DEFENSE

DE: Mike Pringley (Fr., 6-5, 222)	Russell Davis (Fr., 6-4, 248)
DE: Rick Terry (Jr., 6-4, 289)	Vinnie Holliday (So., 6-5, 253)
DE: Marcus Jones (Sr., 6-6, 278)	Andre Purvis (Jr., 6-5, 294)
DE: Greg Ellis (So., 6-6, 248)	Nate Hobgood-Chittick (So., 6-4, 246)
LB: James Hamilton (Jr., 6-5, 221)	Kevin Addis (Sr., 6-4, 202)
LB: Brian Simmons (So., 6-3, 220)	Shane Pierson (Fr., 6-4, 230)
LB: Kivuusama Mays (So., 6-4, 244)	Janie Carrick (Fr., 6-3, 225)
CB: Terry Billups (So., 5-10, 170)	Reggie Love (So., 6-0, 173)
CB: Fuzzy Lee (Sr., 6-1, 190)*	Jomo Legins (Fr., 5-11, 173)
SS: Omar Brown (So., 5-10, 190)	Eric Thomas (Sr., 5-11, 200)*
FS: Sean Boyd (Sr., 6-2, 200)*	Ronald Thomas (Jr., 6-0, 173)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Scott Caparelli (Sr., 6-0, 207)	Chris Welch (Jr., 6-1, 172)
P: Mike Thomas (Sr., 6-3, 236)*	Chris Moody (Jr., 6-1, 210)

(* denotes returning starter)

By JIM HENRY

North Carolina has returned to national prominence under coach Mack Brown. For only the second time in 50 years, the Tar Heels have posted five consecutive winning seasons. Now, UNC fans are looking for their program to take another step forward — a step into the nation's Top 10.

Though several key components are gone, the Tar Heels return 10 starters from a team that won eight games and played Texas in the Sun Bowl last year. They will be led by a trio of All-America candidates in tailback Leon Johnson, wide receiver/kick returner Marcus Wall and

defensive tackle Marcus Jones, who is considered one of the strongest players in the entire Atlantic Coast Conference.

OFFENSE: The key will be at quarterback, where UNC will line up without Jason Stanicek, who shattered Charlie Justice's 45-year-old school total offense record. Yet, Mike Thomas, a fifth-year senior who has been a spot starter in his career, isn't your ordinary replacement. He has eight career starts, 1,932 passing yards and 12 touchdowns. Thomas, also under contract to play professional baseball with (continued on page 173)

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By JIM HENRY

"Death Valley is Alive in 1995." That's what the program says. And that's what the Clemson fans want to believe.

Just one of four Division I-A teams to win at least 75 percent of its games in seven of the last nine years, Clemson finished 5-6 last season under first-year coach Tommy West. The good news is that West has many more weapons at his disposal after inheriting one of the youngest, most inexperienced offensive teams in Clemson history.

West returns 10 starters on offense, seven on defense and 51 total lettermen. No wonder Death Valley is buzzing.

"We are excited about this year because, with the exception of line-backer, we have a football team that has a year of experience in our system," West said. "We have people who know what we want to accomplish, and we can expand within our system. There just aren't as many question marks. We can take the next step."

To go with 10 full-time returning starters, West has 18 other players who started at one point or another last year. For the first time in 50 years, the Tigers return the players who accounted for all of their rushing and passing production from the previous season. The players who collectively caught 96 percent of the passes also return. Definitely, the unit yielded just 17.1 points per game to rank 17th nationally.

OFFENSE: Double-threat Nealon Greene returns at quarterback. Greene, a sophomore, started five games last year, including a victory over North Carolina. Greene ended the season completing 54 percent of his passes, 10th best in Clemson history. Clemson had only four turnovers in the six games Greene played in and finished with just 12 to lead the country in turnover ratio for the first time.

Clemson's problem, however, was scoring points. The Tigers, who started an all-freshman backfield for the first time ever, averaged only 14.9 points per game. And their passing game was passive at best, averaging less than 100 yards per game.

"We want to work more with the play-action passing game and have a better balance between our rushing and passing games," West said.

All five linemen return, headed by senior tackle Dwayne Morgan. Also back is last year's leading receiver, Antwan Wyatt (30 catches, 282 yards), along with the Tigers' other four top pass catchers.

DEFENSE: The good news is that Clemson returns seven starters and 27 lettermen. The bad news is that four of last year's top five tacklers have graduated. The Tigers' best player is strong safety Brian Dawkins (69 tackles in '94), a second-team



NEALON GREENE QB

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Nealon Greene (So., 5-11, 190)*	Louis Solomon (Sr., 5-10, 168)
TB: Lamont Pegues (So., 5-11, 195)*	Anthony Downs (So., 6-1, 200)
FB: Raymond Priester (So., 6-1, 220)*	Emory Smith (Jr., 6-0, 245)
WR: Antwan Wyatt (Jr., 5-11, 190)*	Joe Woods (Jr., 5-9, 160)
WR: Kenya Crooks (So., 6-3, 190)*	Tony Home (So., 5-10, 170)
TE: Lamont Hall (So., 6-4, 250)	Wesley Ellis (Fr., 6-4, 240)
LE: Jim Bundren (So., 6-3, 275)*	Mark Landry (So., 6-4, 275)
LB: Will Young (Sr., 6-2, 280)*	Ed Altman (So., 6-3, 275)
C: Trevor Putnam (Sr., 6-4, 265)*	Jamie Trimble (Jr., 6-2, 250)
RG: Glenn Rountree (So., 6-3, 285)*	Matt Butler (Fr., 6-3, 270)
RT: Dwayne Morgan (Sr., 6-3, 300)*	Robert Jackson (Sr., 6-6, 340)

DEFENSE

DE: LaMarick Simpson (Sr., 6-2, 270)*	Warren Forney (Sr., 6-3, 275)
NT: Carlos Curry (Sr., 6-2, 285)*	Raymond White (So., 6-3, 255)
DE: Marvin Cross (Sr., 6-4, 250)*	Brett Williams (Jr., 6-4, 240)
LB: Patrick Sapp (Sr., 6-4, 230)	Donald Broomfield (Fr., 6-4, 230)
LB: Leomont Evans (Sr., 6-1, 200)	Matt Reeves (Sr., 5-11, 210)
LB: Mond Wilson (So., 6-3, 235)	Kelton Dunnican (Sr., 5-11, 210)
LB: Andy McCrorey (Sr., 5-10, 200)	Chuck Winslow (Sr., 6-2, 235)
CB: Dexter McCleone (Jr., 5-10, 190)*	Peter Ford (Jr., 5-11, 180)
CB: Andre Humphrey (Sr., 5-8, 200)*	Andy Ford (Jr., 5-11, 180)
SS: Brian Dawkins (Sr., 6-0, 190)*	Brad Pope (Jr., 5-11, 173)
FS: Andre Carter (Jr., 5-10, 194)*	Rudy Currie (So., 6-3, 198)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: David Richardson (So., 6-1, 165)	Mike Brice (So., 5-11, 185)
P: Kevin Laird (Fr., 5-11, 165)	Chris McNally (Sr., 6-3, 192)

(* denotes returning starter)

All-ACC selection the past two seasons. Defensive tackle Marvin Cross, another second-team All-ACC selection, anchors the line. He will be joined by Carlos Curry and LaMarick Simpson, who started nine games last year. Dawkins has experienced hands to help in the secondary with cornerback starters Andre Humphrey and Dexter McCleone back in the fold. All four linebackers are gone, and former starting quarterback Patrick Sapp has been moved to bandit to help remedy the situation.

SPECIAL TEAMS: The Tigers will be without kicker Nelson Welch, who graduated after setting an ACC record with 72 career field

goals. Senior Jeff Sauve has handled most of the kickoffs over the past three years but has never attempted a field goal in college. Welch, who also handled the punting, will be replaced in that area by Chris McNally.

RECRUITING: The Tigers landed three high school quarterbacks, the most highly regarded being Billie Luckie, a 6-foot-3, 200-pounder. West also corralled three fine receivers in wideouts Carl Baker and Joe Woods, along with talented tight end Levar Graves.

Jim Henry is a staff writer for the Tampa (Fla.) Tribune.

FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Clemson Memorial Stadium, Clemson, S.C. (81,473, grass)

RETURNING STARTERS (17): Offense (10); Defense (7)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Tim Jones, LB (1st-team All-ACC); Nelson Welch, K (2nd-team All-ACC)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Nealon Greene, So., 51-94-524 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT

RUSHING: Lamont Pegues, So., 92 carries, 390 yards, 2 TDs

RECEIVING (catches): Antwan Wyatt, Jr., 30

RECEIVING (yards): Wyatt, 282

TACKLES: Brian Dawkins, Sr., 69

SACKS: Brett Williams, Jr., 4

INTERCEPTIONS: (tie) Andre Carter and Dexter McCleone, Jr., 4 each

PUNTING: none

KICKING: none

SCORING: (tie) Emory Smith, Jr., and Raymond Priester, So., 18 points each

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . WESTERN CAROLINA

Sept. 9 . . . FLORIDA STATE

Sept. 16 . . . at Wake Forest

Sept. 23 . . . VIRGINIA

Sept. 30 . . . at North Carolina State

Oct. 7 . . . GEORGIA

Oct. 14 . . . at Maryland

Oct. 21 . . . at Georgia Tech

Nov. 4 . . . NORTH CAROLINA

Nov. 11 . . . DUKE

Nov. 18 . . . at South Carolina

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . FURMAN; won, 27-6

Sept. 10 . . . N.C. STATE; lost, 29-12

Sept. 17 . . . at Virginia; lost, 9-6

Oct. 1 . . . MARYLAND; won, 13-0

Oct. 8 . . . at Georgia; lost, 40-14

Oct. 15 . . . at Duke; lost, 19-13

Oct. 22 . . . at Florida State; lost, 17-0

Oct. 29 . . . WAKE FOREST; won, 24-8

Nov. 5 . . . at N.Carolina; won, 28-17

Nov. 12 . . . GEORGIA TECH; won, 20-10

Nov. 19 . . . S. CAROLINA; lost, 33-7

MILESTONES

■ Clemson has won six bowl games since 1986.

■ SS Brian Dawkins has 13 career pass deflections, more than any active Clemson player.

■ Punter Chris McNally played professional soccer for the Detroit Neon in the summer of 1994.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Develop a passing game to complement the running game.
- ✓ Defense needs to be as dominating as last season.
- ✓ Replacing kicker Nelson Welch, one of the ACC's best.

By PAUL McMULLEN

Everything is upside down in Durham.

For the first time in 12 years, the men's basketball team didn't make it to the NCAA Tournament, which it reigned over in 1991 and '92. Meanwhile, for only the second time since the 1960 season, the Blue Devils went to a bowl game, and their improvement from 3-8 to 8-3 was the best turnaround in the nation.

Duke shared the ACC title in 1989 but went right back to being a doormat when Steve Spurrier left for Florida. The program's demeanor changed with the hiring of Fred Goldsmith, who took a team that won three games in 1993 to a 7-0 start last year and a date opposite Wisconsin in the Hall of Fame Bowl.

Following the '95 opener against Florida State, the early season schedule is again fairly soft, but the element of surprise is gone.

"I told the guys at the beginning of last year that when you're rebuilding, you've got to learn to win," said Goldsmith, who won several coach of the year awards. "After that happens, you've got to be even better when people are mentally prepared to play you. I think people know what we're capable of now."

With one of the most experienced teams in the ACC, Duke won't surprise anyone if it reaches eight wins again.

OFFENSE: The Blue Devils had two first-team All-ACC selections and both of them are gone.

Goldsmith's multiple pro set got the most out of Robert Baldwin. After rushing for 661 yards in his first three seasons at Duke as a blocking back, all Baldwin did as a senior was lead the ACC in rushing (1,187 yards), touchdowns (13) and all-purpose yardage (1,445) and was named the conference's Player of the Year.

Sophomore Matt DeOrto, the top candidate to replace Baldwin, missed most of spring practice with a broken collarbone.

With 27 career starts including the Hall of Fame Bowl, Spence Fischer is the most experienced quarterback in the ACC. He's thrown for 6,353 yards, seventh-best in conference history. His favorite wideout graduated, but the returnees include senior Bill Khayat, the first tight end to lead Duke in receptions since 1971; split end Corey Thomas, who had 41 catches as a true freshman; and center Jeroen Egge, who was second-team All-ACC.

DEFENSE: Duke finished tied for eighth in the ACC in total defense, but the Blue Devils led the nation in turnover ratio (+16) as they recovered 12 fumbles and had 17 interceptions.

Goldsmith has a big-play blitzing

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KHAYAT
TE



PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Spence Fischer (Sr., 6-3, 220)*	Dave Green (So., 6-2, 195)
RB: Joe Dpalenick (So., 6-0, 175)	Tijan Redmon (Sr., 6-1, 215)
RB: Matt DeOrto (So., 6-0, 195)	T.C. White (Jr., 5-11, 205)
WR: Corey Thomas (So., 5-11, 165)*	Adam Geis (So., 5-9, 180)
WR: Joel Nicholson (Jr., 6-3, 200)*	Dominique Flemming (Jr., 5-11, 170)
TE: Bill Khayat (Sr., 6-4, 225)*	Gerald Ford (Jr., 6-3, 220)
LE: Jon Merrill (Sr., 6-4, 295)*	Jason Tucker (Fr., 6-2, 285)
LG: Clarence Collins (Sr., 6-4, 300)	Patrick Mannelly (Jr., 6-5, 255)
C: Jerson Egge (Sr., 6-3, 275)*	Aaron Duke (Fr., 6-2, 250)
RG: Chad Melita (So., 6-3, 290)*	John Gordon (So., 6-4, 285)
RT: Phillip Chappell (Jr., 6-6, 280)	Erik Dunlap (Jr., 6-4, 265)

DEFENSE

DE: Orlando Adwaters (Sr., 6-3, 250)	Johannes Brugger (So., 6-2, 230)
NE: Bernard Holsey (Sr., 6-2, 280)*	Curtiss Bunch (Jr., 6-2, 255)
DE: Mike Stallmeyer (Sr., 6-3, 255)*	Eric Scheidt (Jr., 6-3, 250)
LB: James Kirkland (Sr., 6-2, 270)*	Chris Ruzie (Fr., 6-3, 235)
LB: Carlos Bagley (Sr., 5-10, 210)*	LaVance McQueen (So., 6-1, 225)
LB: Billy Granville (Jr., 6-3, 240)*	Jason Ritz (Sr., 6-0, 225)
LB: John Zuanich (Sr., 6-3, 205)*	Lyle Burdine (Fr., 6-1, 205)
CB: Brandon Pollock (Jr., 5-10, 175)*	Desi Thomas (Fr., 5-11, 175)
CB: Sidney Wells (Sr., 6-1, 180)	Kenan Holley (Fr., 5-11, 180)
SS: Tae Edwards (Sr., 6-1, 205)	Tawambi Settles (So., 6-3, 185)
FS: Ray Farmer (Sr., 6-4, 220)*	Brian Kranzel (Fr., 6-0, 200)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Tom Cochran (Sr., 6-1, 195)*	Simms Lenhardt (Fr., 5-11, 175)
P: John Krueger (Jr., 6-4, 205)*	Spence Fischer (Sr., 6-3, 220)

(* denotes returning starter)

unit, and 12 of the 15 players who had 10 or more tackles are back. Six of the eight returning starters are seniors.

The leaders are Ray Farmer, a big free safety at 6-foot-4, 220 pounds, and outside linebacker John Zuanich, who was second in tackles. Both were first-team ACC all-stars, and inside linebacker Billy Granville, Duke's leading tackler, got second-team notice as a sophomore. Inside linebacker Carlos Bagley, the third-leading tackler, is also back.

If there's a concern, it's in the secondary, where two starters graduated.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Kicker Tom

Cochran and punter John Krueger are back, as is Farmer, who blocked three punts last season. Tijan Redmon and sophomore Adam Geis form a potent return tandem.

RECRUITING: Duke's academic reputation and its new-found success on the field allowed Goldsmith to sign the maximum 25 high school seniors, including six prep All-Americans.

"This is the best group of prospects I've been a part of since I became a head coach seven years ago," Goldsmith said.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Wallace Wade Stadium, Durham, N.C. (33,941, grass)

RETURNING STARTERS (17): Offense (7); Defense (8); Specialists (2)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Robert Baldwin, RB (3rd-team All America); Matt Williams, OT (2nd-team All America)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Spence Fischer, Sr., 204-346, 2,285 yards, 16 TDs, 8 INTs

RUSHING: T.C. White, Jr., 21 carries, 114 yards, 1 TD

RECEIVING (catches): Bill Khayat, Sr., 49, 2 TDs

RECEIVING (yards): Khayat, 562

TACKLES: Billy Granville, Sr., 115

SACKS: John Zuanich, Sr., 5

INTERCEPTIONS: Brandon Pollock, Jr., 3

PUNTING: John Krueger, Sr., 41.9 avg.

KICKING: Tom Cochran, Sr., 13-22

FGs (long 44), 37-40 PATs

SCORING: Cochran, Sr., 76 points

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	.at Florida State (Orlando)
Sept. 9	.RUTGERS
Sept. 16	.at Army
Sept. 23	.at Maryland
Sept. 30	.NAVY
Oct. 7	.GEORGIA TECH
Oct. 14	.at Virginia
Oct. 21	.NORTH CAROLINA STATE
Oct. 28	.WAKE FOREST
Nov. 11	.at Clemson
Nov. 18	.at North Carolina

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3	.MARYLAND; won 49-16
Sept. 10	.E. CAROLINA; won 13-10
Sept. 15	.ARMY; won 43-7
Sept. 24	.at Georgia Tech; won 27-12
Oct. 1	.at Navy; won 47-14
Oct. 15	.CLEMSON; won 19-13
Oct. 22	.at Wake Forest; won 51-26
Oct. 29	.at Florida St.; lost 59-20
Nov. 5	.VIRGINIA; won 28-25
Nov. 12	.at N. C. STATE.; lost 24-23
Nov. 19	.N. C.; lost 41-40
Jan. 2	.vs. Wisconsin in Hall of Fame Bowl; lost 34-20

MILESTONES

■ QB Spence Fischer needs 1,652 yards passing to finish No. 2 on the school's all-time passing yardage list.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Reconfigure the offense to make up for loss of running back Robert Baldwin, the 1994 ACC Player of the Year.
- ✓ Replace Zaid Abdul-Aleem and Jamal Ellis in the secondary.
- ✓ Stay healthy, as they did in 1994.

By PAUL McMULLEN

Mark Duffner hopes that 1995 goes smoother than 1994.

Three defensive linemen were declared academically ineligible on the eve of the season opener, and a quarterback controversy wasn't resolved until mid-October.

This time around, there has at least been some encouraging news for Duffner. His original five-year contract was due to expire in 1996, but he received a performance-based extension last December that he said helped with recruiting. There was additional concrete support in the form of the final phase in the renovation of Byrd Stadium.

On the field, the Terps must continue the modest defensive improvement they began last season, and rebuild their offensive line. The skill positions on offense are not a concern, as quarterback Scott Milanovich will continue his assault on the school record book.

"Scott's in the best shape he's ever been in," Duffner said. "He's a great leader, and he worked like hell in our offseason conditioning program."

But off the field problems — a shortfall in classroom credits and an investigation into charges of gambling — could sidetrack Milanovich.

OFFENSE: The Terps are fully committed to the run-and-shoot again after spending spring practice and much of August in 1994 tinkering with more traditional sets.

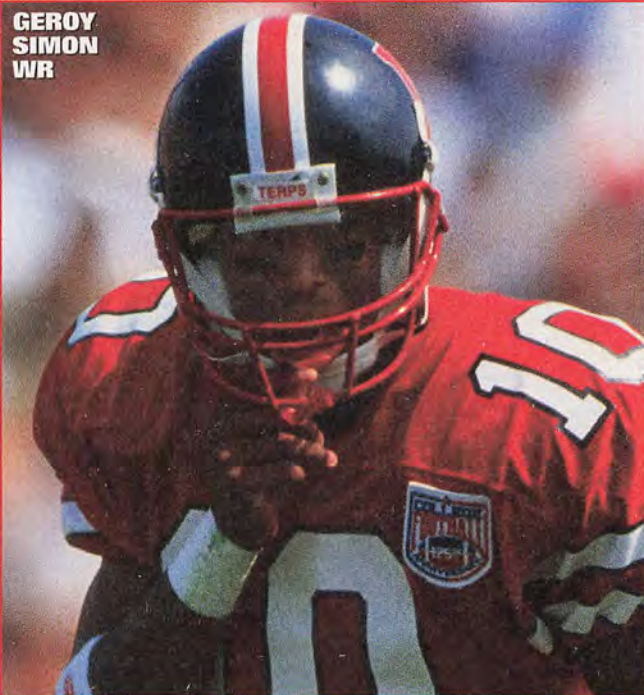
Milanovich needed just 20 career starts to throw for 525 completions, 6,125 yards and 47 touchdowns. His .661 career completion percentage is an ACC record. With '94 backup Kevin Foley having departed for Boston University, sophomore Brian Cummings was the only other scholarship quarterback in spring practice. Cummings was 11-for-16 for 157 yards in Maryland's spring game.

Maryland must replace three starters on the offensive line, but junior Geroy Simon, whose 77 catches set an ACC record, and senior Jermaine Lewis (127 career catches) lead a deep and talented fleet of wide receivers.

DEFENSE: Maryland allowed 434.4 yards per game last season, ranking 93rd out of the nation's 107 teams. It was still a big improvement over what the Terps had done in recent years, as they finished last in 1992 and set an NCAA record for yards allowed in 1993.

Kevin Coyle, one of seven Terp assistants who worked for Duffner at Division I-AA Holy Cross, is in his second year as defensive coordinator. Despite a lack of seniors, Maryland has plenty of experienced players, the best being a pair of juniors who will start for the third straight year — linebacker Ratcliff Thomas and cornerback Andreall Johnson. Thomas' 246 tackles in two years puts him on track to become

GEROY
SIMON
WR



PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Scott Milanovich (Sr., 6-3, 227)*	Brian Cummings (So., 5-11, 191)
RB: Buddy Rodgers (So., 5-11, 225)	Brian Underwood (So., 6-1, 177)
WR: Mancel Johnson (Jr., 6-1, 178)*	Kendrick Walton (So., 6-2, 167)
WR: Geroy Simon (Jr., 6-0, 177)*	Bruce James (So., 5-7, 154)
WR: Rich Roberts (Sr., 5-6, 164)	Jason Word (Fr., 6-0, 175)
WR: Jermaine Lewis (Sr., 5-8, 172)*	Walt Williams (Jr., 5-10, 185)
TE: Darryl Gilliam (So., 6-5, 300)	Pete Sorrentino (Fr., 6-5, 320)
LG: Pat Ward (So., 6-5, 296)	Ryan Rezzelle (Fr., 6-5, 290)
C: Erik Greenstein (Jr., 6-2, 300)	Farad Hall (Jr., 6-1, 252)
RG: John Teter (Sr., 6-5, 290)	Aaron Henne (Jr., 6-5, 275)
RE: Mark Motley (Sr., 6-5, 297)*	John Feugill (Fr., 6-6, 270)

DEFENSE

DE: Eric Hicks (So., 6-5, 227)*	Mario Chavez (Jr., 6-0, 232)
DE: Tim Watson (So., 6-4, 264)	Mitch Watkins (So., 6-2, 258)
DE: Johnnie Hicks (So., 6-1, 267)	Craig Fitzgerald (Sr., 6-3, 264)
DE: Al Wallace (Jr., 6-4, 245)*	Eric Dghogu (So., 6-4, 224)
LB: Ratcliff Thomas (Jr., 6-0, 231)*	Rhett Hesprich (So., 6-0, 213)
LB: Tim Brown (Sr., 5-11, 210)	Gene Gray (Sr., 6-1, 215)
LB: Mike Settles (Sr., 6-0, 200)*	Kendall Ogle (So., 6-0, 205)
CB: Orlando Strozier (So., 6-1, 194)	Chad Scott (So., 6-1, 196)
CB: Andreall Johnson (Jr., 5-10, 172)*	Paul Jackson (Fr., 5-11, 180)
SS: Darrick Rafter (Sr., 6-0, 190)	Jermaine Stewart (Jr., 6-1, 194)
FS: Wade Inge (Sr., 6-1, 196)*	Lamont Gore (Jr., 6-0, 199)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Joe O'Donnell (Jr., 5-9, 180)*	Brad Rhodes (Fr., 5-7, 154)
P: Scott Milanovich (Sr., 6-3, 227)*	Daniell Bull (So., 6-2, 207)

(* denotes returning starter)

the school's most prolific tackler.

The defensive line has seven sophomores—three who were academically ineligible last year—but all were manhandled at times as freshmen. The linebacking corps also has to bulk up—Thomas, at 6-foot, 231 pounds, is by far the biggest starter—but the Terps are encouraged by their talent level in the secondary.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Joe O'Donnell transferred in from Tennessee-Martin in 1994 and beat out a scholarship freshman for all of the placekicking duties. O'Donnell, who earned a scholarship, is the Terps' most reliable kicker in sever-

al years, but the coverage units need to improve. Milanovich figures to handle the punting for the third straight year. Lewis is as dangerous as they come on returns, but he is also injury-prone.

RECRUITING: One service rated Maryland's class 25th best in the nation. It's noteworthy for its size—the Terps signed 23 players—and the fact that 14 of them play defense. Six are linebackers right out of high school, including New Yorker Jomo Huggins, who may get the chance to play immediately.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Byrd Stadium, College Park, Md. (48,000, grass)

RETURNING STARTERS (13): Offense (5); Defense (6); Specialist (2)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Steve Ingram, OT (1st-team All-ACC)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Scott Milanovich, Sr., 229-333-2,394 yards, 20 TDs, 9 INTs

RUSHING: Brian Underwood, So., 41 carries, 180 yards, 1 TD

RECEIVING (catches): Geroy Simon, Jr., 77, 5 TDs

RECEIVING (yards): Simon, 891 yards

TACKLES: Ratcliff Thomas, Jr., 140

SACKS: Al Wallace, Jr., 5

INTERCEPTIONS: Wade Inge, Sr., 3

PUNTING: Scott Milanovich, Sr. 41.8 avg.

KICKING: Joe O'Donnell, Jr., 9-10

FGs (long 40): 33-34 PATs

SCORING: O'Donnell, 60 points

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	.at Tulane
Sept. 9	.NORTH CAROLINA
Sept. 16	.WEST VIRGINIA
Sept. 23	.DUKE
Sept. 28	.at Georgia Tech
Oct. 7	.at Wake Forest
Oct. 21	.CLEMSON
Oct. 28	.at Louisville
Nov. 4	.at North Carolina State
Nov. 11	.VIRGINIA
Nov. 18	.at Florida State

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3	.at Duke; lost, 49-16
Sept. 10	.FLORIDA ST.; lost, 52-20
Sept. 17	.at W. Virginia; won, 24-23
Sept. 24	.WAKE FOREST; won, 31-7
Oct. 1	.at Clemson; lost, 13-0
Oct. 15	.at N. Carolina; lost, 41-17
Oct. 22	.GEORGIA TECH; won, 42-27
Oct. 29	.TULANE; won, 38-10
Nov. 5	.N.C. STATE; lost, 47-45
Nov. 12	.at Virginia; lost, 46-21
Nov. 19	.at Syracuse; lost, 21-16

MILESTONES

- QB Scott Milanovich set an NCAA record with 23 consecutive completions last year.
- WR Geroy Simon holds the ACC's single-season reception record (77 in 1994).
- Milanovich holds the ACC career completion percentage mark (66.1).
- WR Jermaine Lewis already is the school's receiving yardage leader (1,995 yards).

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ The physical maturation of the defense is a must.
- ✓ The Terps must replace four veterans on the offensive line.
- ✓ Keeping Milanovich healthy and eligible.

GEORGIA TECH

YELLOW JACKETS

COACH: GEORGE O'LEARY, 1ST YEAR, 0-3
'94 RECORD: 1-10 OVERALL (0-8 CONF.)

By CHRIS HARRY

One month after winning its first national title back in 1990, Georgia Tech signed North Carolina prep star Donnie Davis, who, along with Eric Zeier and Heath Shuler, was rated as one of the top quarterback prospects in the nation by virtually every recruiting service. Last year, Davis was moved to wide receiver in midseason. Now, he's back starting at quarterback again, with one last chance to reverse the free fall from grace the Yellow Jackets have experienced the last several years.

Since coach Bobby Ross bolted for the San Diego Chargers in 1992, his national title in tow, the Yellow Jackets went in the tank under Bill Lewis, who was fired eight games into the 1994 season.

Defensive coordinator George O'Leary stepped in as interim head coach last year and, despite losing his three games, was awarded the job permanently at season's end.

OFFENSE: Junior college transfer Tommy Luginbill grabbed hold of the No. 1 quarterback spot in '94 and made the best of it, completing 56 percent of his passes for 2,128 yards, 14 touchdowns and 13 interceptions. But with new coach O'Leary favoring a more mobile quarterback, Davis was able to compete for and eventually won the job in spring ball. Luginbill, the son of former San Diego State coach Al Luginbill, then transferred to Portland State.

Injuries to a couple of backfield candidates last season prompted the switch from defensive back to tailback by C.J. Williams, who responded by rushing for 550 yards — averaging 4.7 per carry — in Tech's last five games. The return of senior center and All-ACC candidate Michael Cheever (6-4, 285) will also help. Speedy flanker Derrick Steagall, who fractured his arm in the fifth game last year, is also back and should provide a much-needed outside threat.

Under O'Leary, the Jackets will get away from the short passing game that was ineffective under Lewis and stress a more balanced attack that begins with establishing the run. The return of four offensive linemen and an improving Williams sounds like a good place to start.

DEFENSE: The strength of last year's defense was the linebacking corps. The bad news is that group was gutted by graduation. Tech returns none of its top five tacklers, which means even more will be expected from a youthful unit — no less than five freshmen played prominently in '94 — that got bulldozed by run-oriented teams such as North Carolina (342 yards), Clemson (283) and Arizona (277).

Outside linebacker Keith Brooking is Tech's top returning

MICHAEL CHEEVER



PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Donnie Davis (Sr., 6-3, 192)	Brandon Shaw (So., 6-3, 196)
TB: C.J. Williams (So., 6-1, 195)*	Curtis Holloman (Fr., 6-2, 199)
FB: Ron Hardin (So., 6-0, 227)	Mel Bowers (Jr., 6-0, 218)
WR: Omar Cassidy (Sr., 5-8, 160)	Harvey Middleton (So., 6-0, 178)
WR: Derrick Steagall (Jr., 6-0, 196)*	Cedric Zachery (Sr., 6-0, 182)
TE: Grant Baynham (Jr., 6-5, 235)	Chris Myers (Fr., 6-7, 239)
LE: Curtis McGee (Jr., 6-5, 275)*	Yael Molina (Jr., 6-6, 308)
LE: Lee Patton (Sr., 6-5, 269)	Rob Garner (Sr., 6-5, 280)
C: Michael Cheever (Sr., 6-4, 285)*	Pete Maiello (Sr., 6-4, 265)
RG: Ken Celaj (So., 6-4, 246)	Chuck Vernau (Sr., 6-5, 319)*
RT: Jason Dukes (Sr., 6-4, 246)*	Zach Piller (So., 6-5, 284)

DEFENSE

DE: Jermaine Miles (Jr., 6-5, 261)	John Grantham (So., 6-4, 226)
DE: Patrick Bradford (So., 6-2, 274)	James Culbreth (Jr., 6-5, 275)
NG: James Richards (So., 6-3, 260)	Dan Witherspoon (So., 6-2, 270)
LB: Ralph Hughes (So., 6-4, 241)*	Kamal Balogun (Jr., 6-6, 257)
LB: Jimmy Clements (Jr., 6-3, 207)	DeShaan Simmons (Fr., 6-3, 227)
LB: Keith Brooking (So., 6-3, 215)	Art Dreher (Fr., 6-4, 244)
LB: Ron Rogers (So., 6-1, 230)	Vernon Strickland (Sr., 6-3, 228)
CB: Kofi Smith (Fr., 5-9, 160)	Tony Cannon (Fr., 5-10, 172)
CB: Nathan Perryman (Jr., 5-9, 180)*	Nick Ferguson (Sr., 5-11, 179)
SS: Ryan Stewart (Sr., 6-2, 207)	Gary Joseph (So., 6-0, 207)
FS: Mike Dee (Jr., 6-4, 190)*	Korian Bryant (Fr., 5-11, 188)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Chris Leone (Jr., 6-6, 201)*	David Frakes (So., 6-1, 177)
P: Rodney Williams (Fr., 6-2, 190)	Keith Weaver (Sr., 6-1, 180)

(* denotes returning starter)

tackler, with 52. But the new staff is counting on defensive tackle Al Jackson, a transfer from Wisconsin, and a pair of incoming junior-college transfers to provide an immediate impact.

If Tech can patch some of its troubles up front, it'll force opponents to pass into a secondary that returns a pair of starters in free safety Mike Dee and cornerback Nathan Perry.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Steagall's comeback will not only boost Tech's receiving corps but its kick-return units as well. He was averaging 30.4 yards on kickoffs and 7.0 on punts when he went down. Chris Leone made good on only nine of 16 field-

goals attempts and will be challenged by sophomore Dave Frakes.

RECRUITING: Rodney Williams, of Decatur, Ga., averaged 54 yards a punt as a high-school junior and dropped — if you will — to a mere 47 as a senior. The job is his. Tech is also quite high on quarterback Joe Hamilton, from St. Stephens, S.C., who is already drawing comparisons to former Yellow Jacket star Shawn Jones. JUCO products Kamal Balogun (6-6, 275) and Jermaine Miles (6-5, 270) could fill holes along the defensive line right away.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Bobby Dodd Stadium, Atlanta, Ga. (46,000, artificial)

RETURNING STARTERS (11): Offense (7); Defense (3); Specialists (1).

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Tom Luginbill, QB (transferred to Portland St.); Jason Bender, P (1st-team All-ACC); Brian Bravy, G (2nd-team All-ACC); Lethon Flowers, DB (2nd-team All-ACC); Elliott Fortune, DT (entered NFL draft)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Donnie Davis, Sr., 8-16, 58 yards

RUSHING: C.J. Williams, So., 120 carries, 564 yards, 1 TD

RECEIVING (catches): Cedric Zachery, Sr., 28

RECEIVING (yards): Zachery, 283

TACKLES: Ron Rogers, So., 60

SACKS: Ralph Hughes, So., 3.5

INTERCEPTIONS: Mike Dee, Jr., 3

PUNTING: None

KICKING: Chris Leone, Jr., 9-16 FGs (long 49), 17-17 PATs

SCORING: Leone, 44 points

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	at FURMAN
Sept. 9	at Arizona
Sept. 16	at Virginia
Sept. 28	at MARYLAND
Oct. 7	at Duke
Oct. 14	at NORTH CAROLINA
Oct. 21	at Florida State
Oct. 28	at CLEMSON
Nov. 4	at Wake Forest
Nov. 11	at NORTH CAROLINA ST.
Nov. 23	at GEORGIA

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 1	at ARIZONA; lost 19-14
Sept. 10	at W. CAROLINA; won 45-26
Sept. 24	at DUKE; lost 27-12
Oct. 1	at N. C. ST.; lost 21-13
Oct. 8	at N. Carolina; lost 31-24
Oct. 15	at VIRGINIA; lost 24-7
Oct. 22	at Maryland; lost 42-27
Nov. 5	at FLORIDA ST.; lost 41-10
Nov. 12	at Clemson; lost 20-10
Nov. 19	at WAKE FOREST; lost 20-13
Nov. 26	at Georgia; lost 48-10

MILESTONES

- Tech has lost eight straight ACC games.
- The Yellow Jackets hope to snap a three-game losing streak against rival Georgia.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ The Jackets need to establish their running game.
- ✓ Develop some quality depth both at inside linebacker and in the secondary.
- ✓ Settle on a starting quarterback.

WAKE FOREST

DEMON DEACONS

COACH: JIM CALDWELL, 3RD YEAR, 5-17
'94 RECORD: 3-8 OVERALL (1-7 CONF.)

By PAUL McMULLEN

The Demon Deacons escaped the Atlantic Coast Conference cellar for the second straight year with a season-ending 20-13 victory over Georgia Tech, but it's hard to imagine them climbing any higher than that this season.

The Tech game was one of the few ACC contests Wake Forest was in. Coach Jim Caldwell, who enjoyed great success as a Penn State assistant, knows the talent must improve if the Demon Deacons are to catch up with Virginia and North Carolina, let alone Florida State.

"We're still building a program, and we're still very young, but I know that we're making progress because of two key factors," Caldwell said. "First of all, our morale is excellent. Secondly, we have made great strides in our overall strength and conditioning. Without question, we are a much stronger team than we were two years ago."

The September schedule could help. Wake Forest opens with Division I-AA Appalachian State, has winnable road games at Tulane and Navy, and a home game against Clemson sandwiched in between those two.

OFFENSE: It's a safe assumption that Rusty LaRue enjoyed last winter more than he did the fall.

LaRue was a key backcourt reserve on the Wake Forest basketball team that won the ACC Tournament and reached the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament. That sweet run came after a football season in which he took a pounding as the Demon Deacons' quarterback.

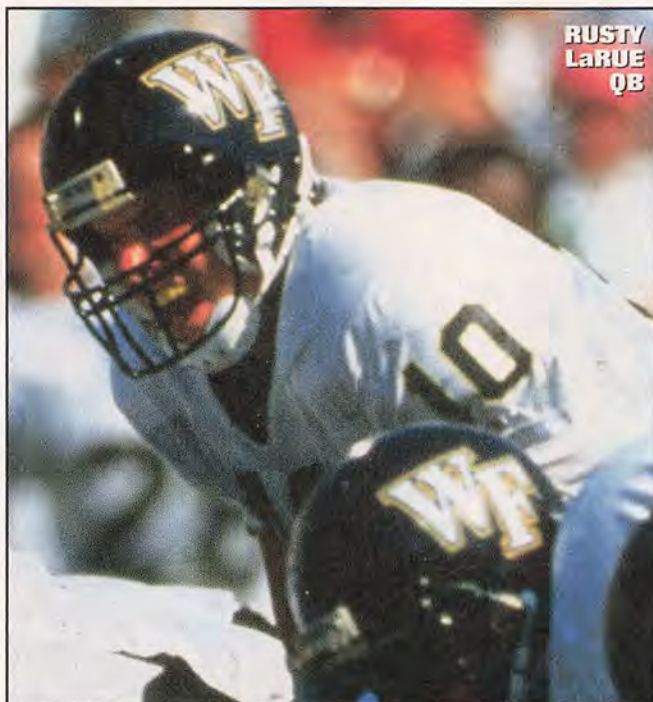
In a nutshell, LaRue needs better protection than he received last season when he was sacked 23 times and got off only 230 passes. He threw five touchdown passes and was intercepted nine times. Tackle Elton Ndoma-Ogar is a four-year starter. Tony Yarnall, Bill Leeder, and Doug Marsigli are also back on an offensive line determined to do a better job in 1995.

Split end Dan Ballou and his 27 catches return, but the two other top pass-catchers are gone. At running back, the Demon Deacons are expecting big things from Herman Lewis, who played on special teams before he got a shot at running back against Georgia Tech and gained 144 yards.

Lewis was one of seven true freshmen to play offense last season. He's the top returning rusher for Wake.

DEFENSE: The Demon Deacons need as much improvement on defense as they do on offense. They allowed 50 points or more in losses to Florida State, Duke and North Carolina, but hopes that something positive to build on was found in the Georgia Tech victory.

Wake Forest has slightly more



RUSTY
LaRUE
QB

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Rusty LaRue (Sr., 6-2, 194)*	Brian Kuklick (Sr., 6-3, 195)
RB: Herman Lewis (So., 5-8, 173)	John Lewis (Jr., 5-10, 225)
RB: Gardell Chavis (Jr., 6-0, 226)*	Wanda Shaw (Fr., 6-1, 220)
WR: Dan Ballou (Jr., 5-11, 160)*	Darrell Braswell (So., 5-10, 153)
WR: Marlon Estes (Sr., 5-11, 186)	Thabiti Davis (So., 6-3, 197)
TE: William Clark (Jr., 6-3, 215)	Chad Alexander (So., 6-2, 235)
LT: Elton Ndoma-Ogar (Sr., 6-3, 289)*	Tim Goodson (So., 6-5, 302)
LG: Doug Marsigli (Jr., 6-5, 283)*	Mike Johnson (Fr., 6-5, 290)
C: Bill Leeder (Jr., 6-3, 290)*	Bo Loy (Jr., 6-2, 240)
RG: Tony Yarnall (Jr., 6-4, 274)*	Taris Clark (So., 6-3, 274)
RT: Jeff Flowe (So., 6-6, 281)	Eric Workman (Jr., 6-6, 306)

DEFENSE

DE: David Zadel (So., 6-5, 222)	Harold Gragg (Jr., 6-4, 260)*
DE: Robert Fatzinger (So., 6-4, 261)*	Rob Hyman (So., 6-4, 245)
DE: Steve Vaughn (Jr., 6-5, 262)*	Aljamont Joyner (So., 6-3, 273)
DE: Rick Gardner (Sr., 6-3, 240)*	Rob Meeker (Jr., 6-3, 234)
LB: Kelvin Moses (Fr., 6-2, 200)	Mark Makovec (Fr., 6-1, 190)
LB: Jon Mannon (So., 6-2, 218)	Jones Holcomb (Sr., 6-1, 200)
LB: Tucker Grace (Sr., 6-2, 236)	Marquis Taylor (So., 6-2, 240)
CB: Brent Morehead (Sr., 6-1, 192)*	Dameon Daniel (Fr., 5-9, 171)
CB: Major Griffey (Jr., 6-0, 171)*	D'Angelo Solomon (So., 5-8, 159)
SS: Alexis Sockwell (Jr., 6-2, 182)	Kenyon Chavis (So., 5-11, 182)
FS: Terrence Suber (Jr., 5-10, 176)*	Tom Stuetzer (Jr., 5-11, 190)*

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Bill Hollows (Jr., 6-1, 214)*	Reid Sigmon (Sr., 5-9, 191)
P: Mike Strazzeri (Sr., 6-0, 200)*	Tripp Moore (Fr., 6-2, 205)

(* denotes returning starter)

experience on defense than on offense, and it's encouraged by the return to good health of Tom Stuetzer, a freshman All-America cornerback in 1993. He played in only five games last year and is one of seven lettermen back in the secondary.

Defensive backs Brent Morehead and Alexis Sockwell have both won three letters. Rick Gardner, Steve Vaughn and Robert Fatzinger give Wake Forest three returning starters on its four-man front. The top returning linebacker is Tucker Grace, and another player to watch there is Jon Mannon, who had 36 tackles as a true freshman.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Punter Mike Strazzeri, placekicker Bill Hollows and long-snapper Austin Crowder are all back for a team that had plenty of experience returning kickoffs last season.

RECRUITING: Caldwell feels that this year's group is the best he's signed, but one scouting service nonetheless rated it at the bottom of the ACC. The Demon Deacons needed to sign a quarterback and got two—Dan Bradley (6-5, 230) of Silver Creek, N.Y., and Ben Sankey from Chicago.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Groves Stadium, Winston-Salem, N.C. (31,500, grass)
RETURNING STARTERS (17): Offense (7); Defense (8); Specialists (2)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Richard Goodpasture, DB (2nd-team All-ACC)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Rusty LaRue, Sr., 132-230-1,303 yards, 5 TDs, 9 INTs
RUSHING: Herman Lewis, So., 39 carries, 144 yards, 1 TD
RECEIVING (catches): Dan Ballou, Jr., 27
RECEIVING (yards): Ballou, 307 yards
TACKLES: Tucker Grace, Sr., 87
SACKS: Harold Gragg, Jr., 3
INTERCEPTIONS: Brent Morehead, Sr., 2
PUNTING: Mike Strazzeri, Sr., 39.2 avg.
KICKING: Bill Hollows, Jr., 9-16 FGs (long 47), 8-9 PATs
SCORING: Hollows, 35 points

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . APPALACHIAN ST.
Sept. 9 . . . at Tulane
Sept. 16 . . . CLEMSON
Sept. 23 . . . at Navy
Sept. 30 . . . at Virginia
Oct. 7 . . . MARYLAND
Oct. 14 . . . at Florida State
Oct. 21 . . . at North Carolina
Oct. 28 . . . at Duke
Nov. 4 . . . GEORGIA TECH
Nov. 18 . . . NORTH CAROLINA ST.

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . at Vanderbilt; lost 35-14
Sept. 10 . . . APPALA. ST.; won 12-10
Sept. 17 . . . FLORIDA ST.; lost 56-14
Sept. 24 . . . at Maryland; lost 31-7
Oct. 1 . . . ARMY; won 33-27
Oct. 8 . . . VIRGINIA; lost 42-6
Oct. 15 . . . at N.C. St.; lost 34-3
Oct. 22 . . . DUKE; lost 51-26
Oct. 29 . . . at Clemson; lost 24-8
Nov. 12 . . . N. CAROLINA; lost 50-0
Nov. 19 . . . at Georgia Tech; won 20-13

MILESTONES

- The Demon Deacons finished 103rd out of 107 Division I-A teams in both total and rushing offense.
- The defense was 105th in the nation against the run.
- Wake Forest was the least-penalized team in the ACC.
- QB Rusty LaRue is a key backcourt reserve for the Wake Forest basketball team.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Do a better job protecting the passer.
- ✓ Develop a running game.
- ✓ Get tougher defensively on third down.

BIG EAST

PROJECTED ORDER OF FINISH

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|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. Miami (Fla.) | 5. Syracuse |
| 2. Boston College | 6. Rutgers |
| 3. West Virginia | 7. Pittsburgh |
| 4. Virginia Tech | 8. Temple |

Miami junior
linebacker
Ray Lewis is
a leading
candidate for
the Butkus
Award.

All-Big East Offense

POSITION/PLAYER	YR.	HT./WT.	COLLEGE
QB Mark Hartsell	Jr.	6-5/215	Boston College
RB Billy West	Jr.	5-10/195	Pittsburgh
RB Terrell Willis	Jr.	6-0/200	Rutgers
WR Marvin Harrison	Sr.	6-0/174	Syracuse
WR Rahsaan Vanterpool	Sr.	5-11/185	West Virginia
TE Marco Battaglia	Sr.	6-3/240	Rutgers
OL Pete Kendall	Sr.	6-5/286	Boston College
OL Jim Ledger	Sr.	6-4/292	Syracuse
OL Dan Driskovich	Jr.	6-3/290	Boston College
OL John Summerday	Sr.	6-2/290	Temple
C K.C. Jones	Jr.	6-2/257	Miami (Fla.)

All-Big East Defense

POSITION/PLAYER	YR.	HT./WT.	COLLEGE
DL Tim Morabito	Sr.	6-3/272	Boston College
DL Cornell Brown	Jr.	6-2/230	Virginia Tech
DL Kenard Lang	So.	6-4/251	Miami (Fla.)
DL Kenny Holmes	Jr.	6-4/240	Miami (Fla.)
LB Ray Lewis	Jr.	6-1/221	Miami (Fla.)
LB Antwaune Ponds	So.	6-0/232	Syracuse
LB Lance Johnstone	Sr.	6-3/242	Temple
DB Aaron Beasley	Sr.	6-0/190	West Virginia
DB Carlos Jones	Jr.	5-11/173	Miami (Fla.)
DB William Yarborough	Sr.	6-0/171	Virginia Tech
DB Torrian Gray	Jr.	6-0/192	Virginia Tech

All-Big East Special Teams

POSITION/PLAYER	YR.	HT./WT.	COLLEGE
PK Dane Prewitt	Sr.	5-11/211	Miami (Fla.)
P Sean Reali	Jr.	5-11/194	Syracuse
RS Jammi German	Jr.	6-0/180	Miami (Fla.)

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Billy West, Pittsburgh

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Ray Lewis, Miami (Fla.)

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Rob Konrad, FB, Syracuse

MIAMI (Fla.)

HURRICANES

COACH: BUTCH DAVIS, 1ST YEAR
'94 RECORD: 10-2 (7-0 CONF.)
FINAL RANKING: NO. 6 AP, USA TODAY/CNN

By JIM HENRY

New coach. New quarterback. New era. . .

Same lofty expectations. As usual, the feeling at the University of Miami is that come January the Hurricanes expect to be Big East champions and playing for the national championship, regardless of all the new faces.

Butch Davis, chosen to replace Dennis Erickson as head coach after an exhaustive search, brings a no-nonsense approach to the program. An assistant on the Hurricanes' 1987 national championship team and on two Super Bowl champions in Dallas, Davis deals with issues quickly and decisively. He hasn't, however, clamped down entirely on celebrating — Miami's trademark.

Another thing that hasn't changed is the controversy swirling around the program, primarily the quarterback race. Rap singer Luther Campbell has threatened to go to the NCAA with alleged wrongdoings in the Miami program if fifth-year senior Ryan Collins (18 career TD passes), who is black, is not named the starter over sophomore Ryan Clement. Davis will not name his starter until August, although Collins appears to be the leader.

"Anything to do with the past, those are issues I have nothing to do with," Davis said. "It doesn't really affect the team."

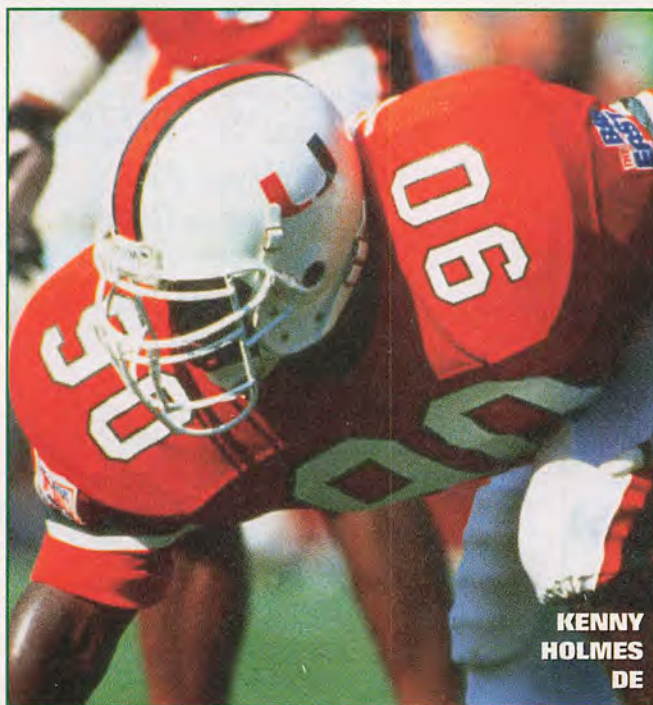
Or the team's goals.

OFFENSE: Athletic and seasoned, Collins appears to the front-runner. Joining Clement in the quarterback derby is redshirt freshman Scott Covington. Clement was one of only two true freshmen to play last season for the 'Canes, appearing in six games — four as the No. 3 quarterback and two as the punter.

With James Stewart and Larry Jones both gone, the two-back set provides plenty of room for playing time. Fifth-year senior Derrick Harris returns to the fullback spot after playing some tight end, and fourth-year juniors Al Shipman (454 yards) and Danyell Ferguson (405 yards) will battle at tailback. The offensive line is anchored by a pair of fifth-year seniors in guard Alan Symonette and tackle Ricky Perry, along with All-Big East center K.C. Jones. The lone returning starter at wide receiver is Jammi German (33 catches, 391 yards).

DEFENSE: The strength of the defensive line are its ends, Big East Rookie of the Year Kenard Lang and Kenny Holmes, who trailed only Warren Sapp in sacks with 8.5 last season.

Junior All America Ray Lewis (152 total tackles) leads the linebackers. Lewis had 92 solo tackles last season, a school record for a UM middle linebacker. Junior James Burgess, who was second to Lewis in total tackles with 87, also returns.



KENNY HOLMES DE

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Ryan Collins (Sr., 6-2, 190)	Ryan Clement (So., 6-2, 210)
TB: Danyell Ferguson (Jr., 6-0, 195)	Alfred Shipman (Jr., 5-10, 171)
FB: Derrick Harris (Sr., 5-11, 250)	Nick Williams (Fr., 6-3, 255)
WR: Yatil Green (So., 6-2, 185)	Taj Johnson (So., 6-2, 193)
WR: Jammi German (Jr., 6-0, 180)*	Marcus Wimberly (Jr., 6-0, 192)
TE: Gerald Daphnis (Jr., 6-3, 246)*	Syll Tucker (Sr., 6-6, 230)
LE: Freeman Brown (So., 6-8, 338)	Richard Mercier (Fr., 6-4, 275)
LE: Alan Symonette (Sr., 6-3, 280)*	Kerlin Blaise (So., 6-5, 281)
C: K.C. Jones (Jr., 6-2, 257)*	Mike Wehner (So., 6-5, 277)
RG: J Ina (Jr., 6-2, 280)	Omar Andres (Sr., 6-3, 265)
RE: Ricky Perry (Sr., 6-7, 310)*	Robert Woodus (Sr., 6-5, 310)

DEFENSE

DE: Kenny Holmes (Jr., 6-4, 240)*	Booker Pickett (Jr., 6-3, 225)
DE: Marvin Davis (So., 6-2, 260)*	Denny Fortney (So., 6-3, 236)
DE: J. Johnson (So., 6-3, 260)	Jason McCullough (Fr., 6-6, 255)
DE: Kenard Lang (So., 6-4, 251)*	Booker Pickett (Jr., 6-3, 225)
LB: Twan Russell (Jr., 6-2, 206)	Antonio Coley (Jr., 6-3, 221)
LB: Ray Lewis (Jr., 6-1, 221)*	Jeffrey Taylor (So., 6-2, 220)
LB: James Burgess (Jr., 6-0, 215)*	Marlin Barnes (So., 5-11, 205)
CB: Carlos Jones (Jr., 5-11, 173)*	Aaron Jones (Jr., 5-11, 170)
CB: Dennis Scott (So., 5-8, 182)	Jack Hallmon (Jr., 5-10, 190)
FS: Earl Little (Jr., 6-1, 183)	Eugene Ridgley (So., 6-1, 185)
SS: Tremain Mack (So., 6-0, 200)	Darrius McCullum (Jr., 6-1, 186)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Dane Prewitt (Sr., 5-11, 211)*	Greg Bell (Jr., 5-9, 175)
P: Mike Crissy (Sr., 5-10, 190)*	Ryan Clement (So., 6-2, 210)

(*denotes returning starter)

Though three starters, including All-America strong safety C.J. Richardson, are gone from the secondary, the cupboard isn't bare. Junior Carlos Jones had a team-high five interceptions last season and was an All-Big East selection.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Fifth-year seniors Dane Prewitt and Mike Crissy are back to handle the placekicking and punting duties. Prewitt set a school record last season by nailing 13 consecutive field goals. Crissy (36.5 avg.), Prewitt (40.1) and Clement (39.0) split the punting duties last year — with Crissy doing the bulk of the work. German is one of the nation's most explosive return artists. He aver-

aged 9.1 yards per punt return and 21.6 yards per kickoff return last fall.

RECRUITING: Despite a late start, Davis did a remarkable job, landing 16 signees. As usual, the Hurricanes did well in their home state, signing seven Floridians, including one of the nation's top-rated receivers in Magic Benton, all-state running back Dyrall McMillan and two-highly recruited linebackers in Michael Smith and Roderick Mack. Davis also addressed immediate needs at fullback by signing 6-foot-3, 245-pound Nick Williams.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Orange Bowl, Miami, Fla. (74,712, grass)

RETURNING STARTERS (13): Offense (5); Defense (6); Specialists (2)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Corwin Francis, LB (2nd-team All-Big East); Tirrell Greene, OL (2nd-team All-Big East); Chris T. Jones, WR (1st-team All-Big East); Malcolm Pearson, DB (2nd-team All-Big East); Pat Riley, DL (2nd-team All-Big East); C.J. Richardson, DB (1st-team All America); Warren Sapp, DL (1st-team All America); James Stewart, RB (2nd-team All-Big East); Chad Wilson, DB (2nd-team, All-Big East)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Ryan Collins, Sr., 23-45-266 yards, 3 TDs, 5 INTs

RUSHING: Alfred Shipman, Jr., 45 carries, 454 yards, 2 TDs

RECEIVING (catches): Jammi German, Jr., 33, 2 TDs

RECEIVING (yards): German, 391

TACKLES: Ray Lewis, Jr., 152

SACKS: Kenny Holmes, Jr., 8.5

INTERCEPTIONS: Carlos Jones, Jr., 5

PUNTING: Dane Prewitt, Sr., 40.1 avg.

KICKING: Prewitt, 13-14 FGs (long 38), 35-40 PATs

SCORING: Prewitt, 74 points

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . at UCLA
Sept. 9 . . . FLORIDA A&M
Sept. 23 . . . at Virginia Tech
Oct. 7 . . . at Florida State
Oct. 14 . . . RUTGERS
Oct. 21 . . . at Pittsburgh
Oct. 28 . . . TEMPLE
Nov. 4 . . . BAYLOR
Nov. 11 . . . at Boston College
Nov. 18 . . . WEST VIRGINIA
Nov. 25 . . . SYRACUSE

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . GA. SOUTHERN; won, 56-0
Sept. 10 . . . at Arizona St.; won, 47-10
Sept. 24 . . . WASHINGTON; lost, 38-20
Oct. 1 . . . at Rutgers; won, 24-3
Oct. 8 . . . FLORIDA ST.; won, 34-20
Oct. 22 . . . at West Virginia; won, 38-6
Oct. 29 . . . VIRGINIA TECH; won, 24-3
Nov. 5 . . . at Syracuse; won, 27-6
Nov. 12 . . . PITTSBURGH; won, 17-12
Nov. 19 . . . at Temple; won, 38-14
Nov. 26 . . . BOSTON COLLEGE; won, 23-7
Jan. 1 . . . vs. Nebraska in Orange Bowl; lost, 24-17

MILESTONE

■ Since 1983, the Hurricanes have the best record of any Division I-A team with a mark of 126-19.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Successful transition to new head coach Butch Davis.
- ✓ Replacing the intimidation factor that departed Warren Sapp brought to the defense.
- ✓ Quarterback Ryan Collins needs to become a team leader.

BOSTON COLLEGE

EAGLES

COACH: DAN HENNING, 2ND YEAR, 7-4-1

'94 RECORD: 7-4-1 (3-3-1 CONF.)

FINAL RANKINGS: NO. 23 AP

NO. 22 USA TODAY/CNN

By MICHAEL BRADLEY

Those who expected 1994 to be a rebuilding year were pleasantly surprised when the Eagles shook off a slow start and landed in a bowl game for the third straight year. Rookie coach Dan Henning built a sturdy bridge between the successful Tom Coughlin era and the future and enters 1995 with the necessary nucleus to continue BC's recent success.

Though the Eagles may never be on the same consistent plateau with the Florida States and Alabamas of the football universe — "We're a long way from being one of those programs, largely because of the values the school makes us adhere to," Henning said — BC is certainly capable of residing in the Big East's first division for a long time. Whether it can make noise beyond that sphere of influence will depend on how well BC attracts team speed each year.

"We've done a better job acquiring speed than we have in the past," Henning said. "The fact that we're on national TV six or seven times a year gives us an edge in recruiting."

OFFENSE: Junior quarterback Mark Hartsell returns after an impressive debut against a strong schedule. Henning has confidence in Hartsell but isn't too convinced the Eagles' receivers and backs have the speed to make a pass-oriented offense thrive — not yet anyhow. As a result, BC should maintain the same sort of balance that characterized last year's team.

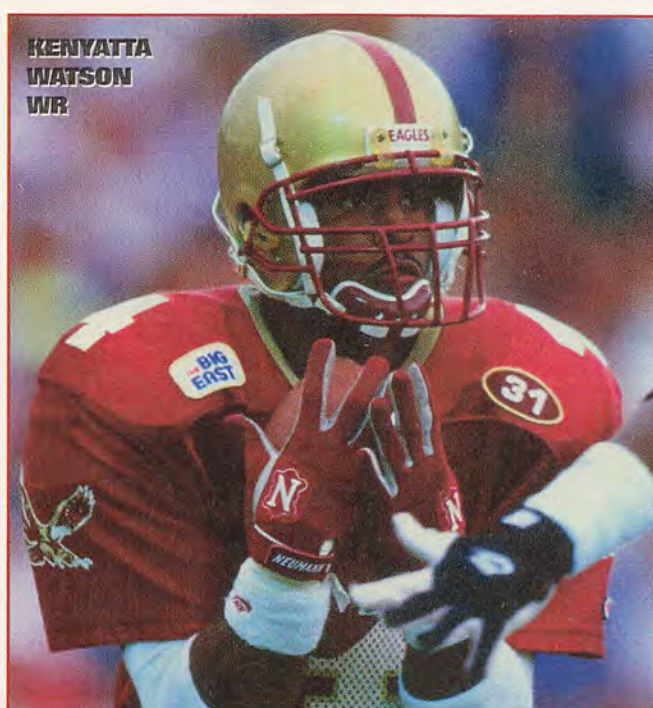
"We probably ran a little more last year than most people, and that's the way we'll start out," Henning said.

When the Eagles run, they'll probably use senior Justice Smith (708 yards, four TDs), who backed up durable David Green last year. Sophomore Omari Walker (nine TDs) returns to fill the short-yardage role. Both backs should enjoy operating behind a veteran offensive line that includes senior Outland Trophy candidate Pete Kendall.

The receiving picture isn't as clear. Henning needs a replacement for departed All-America tight end Pete Mitchell and must hope some young players will join junior Kenyatta Watson and senior Greg Grice in a faster receiving corps.

DEFENSE: Had end Mike Mamula not left early for the NFL draft, the Eagles could have had one of the country's top defensive fronts. Even without Mamula, talented senior tackles Tim Morabito (eight sacks) and Chris Sullivan will anchor a formidable line. Henning will miss Mamula, the seventh player taken in the draft by the Philadelphia Eagles, but he might pine for departed linebacker Stephen Boyd and defensive backs Michael Reed and Eric Shorter a little more.

"I don't know if we can find another Mamula," Henning said. "But we need people like Boyd, Shorter and Reed who will lead



KENYATTA
WATSON
WR

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Mark Hartsell (Jr., 6-5, 215)*	Matt Hasselbeck (So., 6-4, 209)
RB: Justice Smith (Sr., 5-10, 181)	Omari Walker (So., 5-10, 200)
WR: Greg Grice (Sr., 5-9, 192)*	Steve Everson (So., 5-10, 161)
WR: Kenyatta Watson (Jr., 5-10, 170)*	Jermaine Walker (Fr., 5-10, 165)
TE: Todd Pollack (Sr., 6-4, 229)	Rob Tardio (Fr., 6-5, 215)
TE: Scott Dragos (So., 6-3, 230)	Ryan Vannais (Fr., 6-4, 235)
LF: Pete Kendall (Sr., 6-5, 286)*	Andy Mitcham (Fr., 6-5, 251)
LF: Dan Oriskovich (Jr., 6-3, 290)*	Doug Brzezinski (So., 6-5, 280)
C: Tim O'Brien (Sr., 6-3, 271)*	John Hostetler (So., 6-3, 273)
RG: Mark Neri (Jr., 6-4, 286)*	Adam Myers (So., 6-3, 250)
RT: Josh Porter (Sr., 6-7, 280)	Doug Brzezinski (Fr., 6-5, 280)

DEFENSE

DE: Stalin Colinet (Jr., 6-6, 253)	Jerod Funke (So., 6-5, 238)
DE: Chris Sullivan (Sr., 6-5, 273)*	Dan Collins (Fr., 6-4, 235)
NG: Tim Morabito (Sr., 6-3, 272)*	John Coleman (Jr., 6-1, 263)
DE: Nick Giannacopoulos (Jr., 6-5, 258)*	Joe O'Brien (Sr., 6-4, 275)
LB: Erik Storz (Fr., 6-2, 220)	Willie Wright (Fr., 6-3, 205)
LB: Brian Maye (Jr., 6-3, 225)	Rupert English (Jr., 6-1, 237)
LB: Matt Haff (Jr., 6-3, 228)*	Markell Blount (Fr., 6-3, 215)
CB: Tony Ransome (Sr., 5-9, 173)	Shalom Tolefree (So., 5-10, 175)
CB: Daryl Porter (Jr., 5-9, 178)*	Shalom Tolefree (So., 5-10, 175)
FS: Terence Wiggins (Sr., 5-11, 192)*	Keith Kormanik (Sr., 5-11, 192)
SS: Bob Clifford (Sr., 6-1, 193)	Billy Gustin (Fr., 6-2, 185)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Chris Hackett (So., 5-9, 171)	Dan McGuire (Sr., 5-9, 201)
P: Ron Bose (So., 6-0, 195)	Jason Malecki (Fr., 6-3, 200)

(* denotes returning starter)

the defense this year."

Juniors Matt Haff (71 tackles, five sacks) and Brian Maye lead the line-backing corps, which will depend on some sophomores and perhaps a freshman or two. The secondary is a little more stable. Junior Daryl Porter should join senior Tony Ransome to form a quick corner-back tandem, while returning starter Terence Wiggins (five interceptions) is the main man at safety.

SPECIAL TEAMS: David Gordon, the hero of the 1993 upset win at Notre Dame, has graduated, along with outstanding punter Jeff Beckley (43.9-yard average). That leaves sophomore Chris Hackett, who has

yet to kick in a game, as the leading candidate for both spots, although incoming freshmen Jason Malecki and John Matich could consign Hackett to the bench.

RECRUITING: When Henning said that attracting speed to Chestnut Hill was a priority, he wasn't kidding. The Eagles collected a diverse recruiting class filled with talented backs and receivers. Jamall Anderson, Quinton Lee and Pat Phelts lead the backs, while Mike Bullock and Anthony DiCosmo should add needed depth to the receiving corps.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Alumni Stadium, Chestnut Hill, Mass. (44,500, artificial)
RETURNING STARTERS: (13): Offense (7), Defense (6)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Jeff Beckley, P (2nd-team All-Big East); Stephen Boyd, LB (1st-team All-Big East); David Green, RB (2nd-team All-Big East); Greg Landry, OG (entered NFL draft); Mike Mamula, DL (entered NFL draft); Pete Mitchell, TE (1st-team All America)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Mark Hartsell, Jr., 159-257-1864 yards, 13 TDs, 10 INTs
RUSHING: Justice Smith, Sr., 146 carries, 708 yards, 4 TDs
RECEIVING (catches): Kenyatta Watson, Jr., 43, 3 TDs
RECEIVING (yards): Watson, 568
TACKLES: Daryl Porter, Jr., 76
SACKS: Tim Morabito, Sr., 8
INTERCEPTIONS: Terence Wiggins, Sr., 5
PUNTING: None
KICKING: None
SCORING: Omari Walker, So., 54 points (9 TDs)

1995 SCHEDULE

Aug. 27 . vs. Ohio State in Kickoff Classic (at East Rutherford, N.J.)
Sept. 7 . at Virginia Tech
Sept. 16 . MICHIGAN
Sept. 30 . at Michigan State
Oct. 7 . PITTSBURGH
Oct. 14 . WEST VIRGINIA
Oct. 21 . ARMY
Oct. 28 . at Notre Dame
Nov. 4 . at Temple
Nov. 11 . MIAMI (Fla.)
Nov. 18 . at Syracuse
Nov. 24 . at Rutgers

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . at Michigan; lost, 34-26
Sept. 17 . VIRGINIA TECH; lost, 12-7
Sept. 24 . at Pittsburgh; won, 21-9
Oct. 8 . NOTRE DAME; won, 30-11
Oct. 15 . TEMPLE; won, 45-28
Oct. 22 . RUTGERS; tied, 7-7
Oct. 29 . at Army; won, 30-3
Nov. 3 . at Louisville; won, 35-14
Nov. 12 . SYRACUSE; won, 31-0
Nov. 19 . at W. Virginia; lost, 21-20
Nov. 26 . at Miami (Fla.); lost, 23-7
Dec. 25 . vs. Kansas State in Aloha Bowl; won, 12-7

MILESTONE

■ The Eagles are 3-1 at the Meadowlands, site of their Aug. 27 opener against Ohio State.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Continue to develop young speed, particularly on defense and at wide receiver.
- ✓ Find a workhorse running back (Justice Smith?) to replace 1,000-yard rusher David Green.
- ✓ Replace both kickers.

By MICHAEL BRADLEY

When the Mountaineers started last year 1-4, everybody figured that was a natural fallout from a senior-laden squad that had finished the 1993 regular season undefeated before getting waxed in the Sugar Bowl. The same thing happened after 1989, when WVU made it to the Gator Bowl with another veteran unit and didn't get back into postseason play until that ill-fated trip to New Orleans on Jan. 1, 1994.

So, when West Virginia rallied and won its final four games to sneak into the Carquest Bowl, some were surprised.

"That was a great job by my coaches and our team," head coach Don Nehlen said. "We were 1-4 and still had to play Miami, Syracuse and Boston College. I'm saying, 'Holy jumping catfish,' but we kept playing and thinking positive. Last year was a rewarding type of year."

If the Mountaineers want to continue that momentum, they have to start up front, where both lines need work. WVU has some quality skill people on both sides of the ball, but its big hitters are largely untested. Unlike last year, however, when the Mountaineers opened the season against eventual national champ Nebraska, this year's first four opponents — Purdue, Temple, Maryland and Kent State — should give Nehlen time to develop that depth.

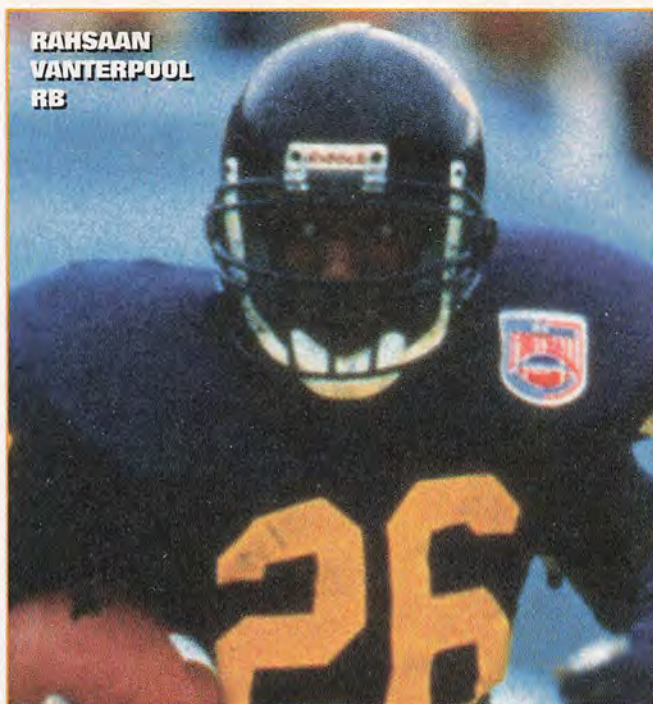
OFFENSE: An ankle injury prevented senior tailback Robert Walker from duplicating his 1993 school-record 1,250 yards, but he appears healthy and has 1,000-yard potential again. Senior wideout Rahsaan Vanterpool has a shot at the WVU all-time all-purpose yardage record and looks to better last year's 50-catch performance. He and senior tight end Lovett Purnell (41 receptions) form the nucleus of a strong pass-catching unit.

At the beginning of last season, quarterback Chad Johnston looked lost at the helm of the WVU offense. By its end, he was confident and productive and even reeled off back-to-back 300-yard games against Missouri and Pitt.

"Last year at this time, quarterback was a problem for us," Nehlen said. "Now, it's a strength."

Nehlen has declared open just about every job on the offensive line. Redshirt freshmen Eric DeGroh (center) and Teddy Daniels and Randy Dunnigan (both guards) could find work.

DEFENSE: Any opposing quarterback who throws in senior cornerback Aaron Beasley's direction might just have to drop and give his coach 20. Beasley led the NCAA with 10 interceptions last year and is a big play waiting to happen in the Mountaineers' defensive backfield. A four-year starter with 14 career picks, Beasley's numbers may not approach last year's, but he'll remain a force.



**RAHSAAN
VANTERPOOL
RB**

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Chad Johnston (Sr., 6-3, 200)*	Eric Boykin (Sr., 5-10, 193)
TB: Robert Walker (Sr., 5-11, 200)*	Jimmy Gary (Sr., 6-0, 220)*
FB: Kantray Barber (Sr., 6-3, 245)	Leroy White (Jr., 5-11, 215)
WR: Rahsaan Vanterpool (Sr., 5-11, 185)*	Jerrald Long (So., 6-1, 180)
WR: Tony Minneyfield (Sr., 6-0, 165)	Ken Fisher (Jr., 6-0, 190)
TE: Lovett Purnell (Sr., 6-3, 230)*	Shawn Lutz (Sr., 6-5, 250)
LE: Joe DeLong (Sr., 6-5, 265)*	Tom Habak (Sr., 6-6, 290)
LG: Mike Horn (Sr., 6-5, 290)	Ted Daniels (So., 6-3, 250)
C: Derrick Bell (Sr., 6-2, 255)*	Eric DeGroh (Sr., 6-5, 260)
RG: Buddy Hager (Sr., 6-4, 275)*	Bill McElroy (Jr., 6-3, 280)
RE: Chris Klick (Sr., 6-8, 300)*	Bryan Washington (Sr., 6-6, 305)

DEFENSE

DE: Henry Slay (Jr., 6-3, 265)	Ryan Price (Jr., 6-6, 225)
NT: Keith Morris (Sr., 6-3, 270)	Steve Ford (So., 6-3, 260)
DE: John Browning (Sr., 6-5, 260)*	Byran Pukenas (So., 6-4, 245)
LB: Canute Curtis (Sr., 6-2, 245)*	Bo Chatfield (Sr., 6-3, 230)
LB: J.T. Thomas (Sr., 6-2, 235)*	Jason Williams (Jr., 6-0, 215)
LB: Bernardo Amerson (Sr., 6-2, 220)	Bernard Russ (Jr., 6-1, 220)
LB: Elige Longino (Sr., 6-2, 220)	Jamie Sweeney (Jr., 6-2, 210)
CB: Aaron Beasley (Sr., 6-0, 190)*	Gregory Hernandez (So., 6-2, 195)
CB: Mike Logan (Sr., 6-1, 200)*	Randy Fulmore (Sr., 5-9, 180)
SS: Charles Emanuel (Sr., 6-1, 190)*	Shawn Foreman (So., 6-2, 205)
FS: Vann Washington (Sr., 6-1, 195)*	Eldridge Williams (Sr., 6-0, 205)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Bryan Baumann (So., 5-11, 180)*	Brad Hackett (Jr., 6-0, 190)
P: Brian West (Sr., 6-0, 195)	Lee Rubin (Sr., 5-11, 215)

(* denotes returning starter)

A pair of seniors, tackle John Browning and rush linebacker Canute Curtis (eight sacks) return on the defensive front, but they'll need help from a quintet of redshirt freshman. Senior J.T. Thomas led the team in tackles with 123 but is the lone returnee from a linebacking corps that was among the Big East's best in 1994.

SPECIAL TEAMS: It doesn't matter anymore whether Todd Sauerbrun used to stand on the sidelines and root for the offense to mess up so he could punt. All that matters is that the cement-footed All America is gone. Seniors Brian West and Lee Rubin are the main candi-

dates for his job. Sophomore place-kicker Bryan Baumann is back after a deceiving second-team All-Big East season. Baumann made 13 of 19 field-goal attempts but was only 5 of 10 from beyond 30 yards.

RECRUITING: JUCO import Bernard Russ should make an immediate impact at linebacker, but most of the other WVU recruits will probably be redshirted. When they finally do get a chance to prove themselves, look for big things from tailbacks Curtis Keaton and Glen Sensabaugh.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Mountaineer Field, Morgantown, W. Va. (63,500, artificial)
RETURNING STARTERS (17): Offense (9); Defense (7); Specialists (1)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Barry Hawkins, DL (1st-team All-Big East); Tom Robsack, OL (1st-team All-Big East); Todd Sauerbrun, P (1st-team All America); Matt Taffoni, LB (2nd-team All-Big East)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Chad Johnston, Jr., 105-210-1623 yards, 14 TDs, 6 INTs
RUSHING: Robert Walker, Sr., 179 carries, 749 yards, 1 TD
RECEIVING (catches): Rahsaan Vanterpool, Sr., 50, 5 TDs
RECEIVING (yards): Vanterpool, 849
TACKLES: J.T. Thomas, Sr., 123
SACKS: Canute Curtis, Jr., 8
INTERCEPTIONS: Aaron Beasley, Sr., 10
PUNTING: None
KICKING: Bryan Baumann, So., 13-19 FGs (long 41), 32-33 PATs
SCORING: Baumann, 71 points

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . PURDUE
Sept. 9 . . . TEMPLE
Sept. 16 . . . at Maryland
Sept. 23 . . . KENT STATE
Sept. 30 . . . at East Carolina
Oct. 14 . . . at Boston College
Oct. 21 . . . at Syracuse
Oct. 28 . . . VIRGINIA TECH
Nov. 4 . . . RUTGERS
Nov. 18 . . . at Miami (Fla.)
Nov. 24 . . . PITTSBURGH

1994 RESULTS

Aug. 28 . . . vs. Nebraska in Kickoff Classic; lost, 31-0
Sept. 3 . . . BALL STATE; won, 16-14
Sept. 10 . . . at Rutgers; lost, 17-12
Sept. 17 . . . MARYLAND; lost, 24-13
Sept. 22 . . . at Virginia Tech; lost, 34-6
Oct. 1 . . . at Missouri; won, 34-10
Oct. 15 . . . at Pittsburgh; won, 47-41
Oct. 22 . . . MIAMI (Fla.); lost, 38-6
Oct. 29 . . . LA TECH; won, 52-16
Nov. 12 . . . at Temple; won, 55-17
Nov. 19 . . . BC; won, 21-20
Nov. 24 . . . SYRACUSE; won, 13-0
Jan. 2 . . . vs. South Carolina in Carquest Bowl; lost 24-21

MILESTONE

Senior defensive back Aaron Beasley needs eight interceptions to become the school's all-time leader.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Develop a solid offensive line from a mix of seniors and young players.
- ✓ Find some defensive linemen to stop the run.
- ✓ Find a punter somewhere near the caliber of graduated All-America Todd Sauerbrun.

By CRAIG ELLENPORT

When you're competing with Miami, second place in the Big East is nothing to sneeze at. But Virginia Tech head coach Frank Beamer has been working toward building a team that can be more than Miami's sidekick. Early last year, it looked as if his plan was coming to fruition, but a defense that had been dominant turned sour.

The Hokies allowed a total of 34 points in their first four games of 1994. In the last four games, including a 45-23 loss to Tennessee in the Gator Bowl, Tech allowed 152 points. It lost three of those four down the stretch to spoil what had the chance to be a Top 10 season.

"We've got some work to do, but we've got the makings of a decent football team," Beamer said about this year's squad.

He must find the right guy to replace quarterback Maurice DeShazo, who left as the school's all-time total offense leader, and he must oversee a smooth transition in the coaching staff (defensive coordinator Phil Elmassian bolted for Washington). With home games against Boston College and Miami in September, it won't be long before we know how far the Hokies can go in '95.

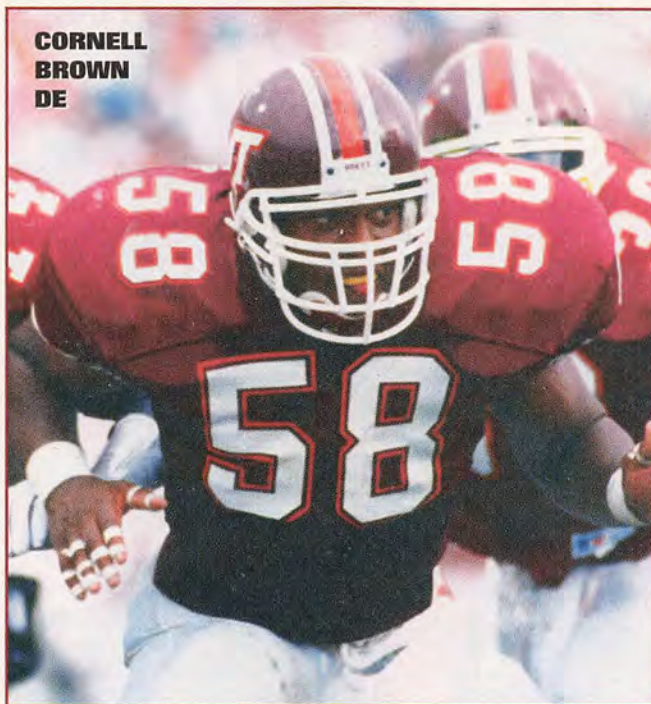
OFFENSE: Funny, this group was supposed to reveal a wide-open attack last season, and, while the Hokies were second in the conference in scoring (27.6 points per game), it was mostly a blue-collar unit. Four offensive line starters return, led by junior center Billy Conaty (6-foot-3, 291 pounds), and that should ease the transition for the new quarterback.

Jim Druckenmiller, a 6-4, 220-pound junior who attempted only 20 passes as DeShazo's understudy last year, appears to be the heir apparent. Beamer insists he will face a serious challenge for the starting job from redshirt freshman Al Clark. "He's like DeShazo," Beamer said of Clark, "and he maybe has a chance to be better."

The list of running backs and receivers is deep and talented. Returning tailbacks Dwayne Thomas and Tommy Edwards combined for 1,033 yards last year, but look out for Ken Oxendine, who averaged 7.8 yards on 33 carries as a true freshman. The receiving corps loses big-play man Antonio Freeman, but senior Bryan Still—a pro prospect—returns.

DEFENSE: Looking at the talent on paper, it's hard to explain the defensive lapse. "Our secondary, at the end of the year, wasn't playing with a lot of confidence," Beamer said. And while he may look at some true freshmen to add depth at cornerback, the secondary is a talented group. Safety Torrian Gray was a first-team All-Big East player, while cornerback Antonio Banks and free

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PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Jim Druckenmiller (Jr., 6-4, 220)	Al Clark (Fr., 6-1, 197)
TB: Dwayne Thomas (Sr., 5-11, 202)*	Ken Oxendine (So., 6-1, 220)
FB: Brian Edmonds (Jr., 5-10, 227)*	Marcus Parker (So., 5-10, 202)
WR: Jermaine Holmes (Sr., 6-1, 177)	Michael Williams (Sr., 5-8, 157)
WR: Bryan Still (Sr., 6-0, 170)*	Cornelius White (Jr., 5-11, 184)
TE: Bryan Jennings (Jr., 6-4, 242)	Sean Sullivan (So., 6-4, 219)
LE: Mike Bianchin (Sr., 6-4, 286)*	Trenton Bass (Sr., 6-4, 273)
LG: Chris Malone (Sr., 6-3, 270)*	Derek Smith (Fr., 6-6, 272)
C: Billy Conaty (Jr., 6-3, 291)*	John Matesic (So., 6-0, 304)
RG: Todd Washington (So., 6-3, 300)	Dwight Vick (Fr., 6-4, 273)
RE: Jay Hagood (Jr., 6-4, 299)*	Gennaro DiNapoli (So., 6-3, 258)

DEFENSE

DE: Cornell Brown (Jr., 6-2, 240)*	Rafael Williams (Sr., 6-0, 201)
DE: Waverly Jackson (Jr., 6-3, 309)*	Jim Baron (Sr., 6-4, 260)
DE: J.C. Price (Sr., 6-3, 280)*	Jeff Holland (Sr., 6-4, 279)
DE: Hank Coleman (Sr., 6-2, 240)*	Lawrence Lewis (Sr., 6-2, 241)
LB: Brandon Semones (Jr., 6-0, 204)*	Darian Bryant (Jr., 6-1, 200)
LB: George DelRicco (Sr., 6-1, 230)*	Steve Tate (So., 6-0, 217)
LB: Tony Morrison (So., 6-1, 216)	Jason Berish (Fr., 6-3, 223)
CB: Antonio Banks (Jr., 5-10, 190)*	Chad Vaughn (Jr., 5-8, 170)
CB: Larry Green (Jr., 5-7, 167)*	Quinton Walker (Fr., 5-11, 171)
SS: Torrian Gray (Jr., 6-0, 192)*	Detrick Stith (Fr., 5-11, 178)
FS: William Yarborough (Sr., 6-0, 166)*	Korey Irby (So., 6-0, 191)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Atle Larsen (Sr., 6-2, 201)	Jeff Haug (Fr., 6-1, 184)
P: John I. Thomas (Fr., 6-1, 197)	Casey Underwood (Fr., 5-9, 164)

(* denotes returning starter)

safety William Yarborough were second-teamers.

Junior defensive end Cornell Brown leads a four-man front that returns its top eight players from a year ago. Brown's 11 sacks make him the top returning sackman in the Big East.

Senior George DelRicco (team-leading 130 tackles last year) provides a solid foundation at linebacker. **SPECIAL TEAMS:** The Hokies have been strong in this area ever since Beamer took over. Besides placing first in the Big East in punt returns last year (13.4 avg., third in the nation) and second in kickoff returns (20.9), they also blocked four kicks.

Placekicker Ryan Williams, the

Hokies' all-time leading scorer, is gone, but senior Atle Larsen picked up some experience last season.

RECRUITING: The Hokies went after what their top rival, Miami, has the most of: speed. And they got it in the form of Marcus Gildersleeve, the 400-meter champ in the state of Tennessee. Beamer believes that one of two defensive backs, Tyrone Edmond or Loren Johnson, have a chance to start this season. Johnson, from Ft. Lauderdale, was rated the third-best defensive back coming out of Florida.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Lane Stadium, Blacksburg, Va. (51,000, grass)
RETURNING STARTERS (17): Offense (7); Defense (10)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Ken Brown, LB (1st-team All-Big East); Antonio Freeman, WR (2nd-team All-Big East); Maurice DeShazo, QB; Ryan Williams, PK (1st-team All-Big East)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Jim Druckenmiller, Jr., 10-20-75 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT
RUSHING: Dwayne Thomas, Sr., 142 carries, 675 yards, 5 TDs
RECEIVING (catches): Jermaine Holmes, Sr., 34
RECEIVING (yards): Bryan Still, Sr., 500
TACKLES: George DelRicco, Sr., 130
SACKS: Cornell Brown, Jr., 11
INTERCEPTIONS: Torrian Gray, Jr., William Yarborough, Sr., 4 each
PUNTING: None
KICKING: Atle Larsen, Sr., 3-6 FGs (long 48), 3-3 PATs
SCORING: Thomas, 30 points (5 TDs)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 7 . . . BOSTON COLLEGE
Sept. 16 . . . CINCINNATI
Sept. 23 . . . MIAMI (Fla.)
Sept. 30 . . . at Pittsburgh
Oct. 7 . . . at Navy
Oct. 14 . . . AKRON
Oct. 21 . . . at Rutgers
Oct. 28 . . . at West Virginia
Nov. 4 . . . SYRACUSE
Nov. 11 . . . at Temple
Nov. 18 . . . at Virginia

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . ARKANSAS ST.; won, 34-7
Sept. 10 . . . at So. Miss.; won, 24-14
Sept. 17 . . . at Boston College; won, 12-7
Sept. 22 . . . W. VIRGINIA; won, 34-6
Oct. 1 . . . at Syracuse; lost, 28-20
Oct. 8 . . . TEMPLE; won, 41-13
Oct. 15 . . . at E. Carolina; won, 27-20
Oct. 22 . . . PITT.; won, 45-7
Oct. 29 . . . at Miami (Fla.); lost, 24-3
Nov. 12 . . . RUTGERS; won, 41-34
Nov. 19 . . . VIRGINIA; lost, 42-23
Dec. 30 . . . vs. Tennessee in Gator Bowl; lost, 45-23

MILESTONES

■ Cornell Brown had 11 sacks in 1994 and is the leading returning sackman in the Big East.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ A strong season from Jim Druckenmiller at quarterback.
- ✓ Talented defense needs to play to its potential.
- ✓ New punter and placekicker must shore up special teams.

SYRACUSE

ORANGEMEN

COACH: PAUL PASQUALONI, 4TH YEAR, 33-12-1
'94 RECORD: 7-4 (4-3 CONF.)

By ADRIAN WOJNAROWSKI

The initial success was surreal for Syracuse coach Paul Pasqualoni. He was promoted from linebackers coach to head coach four years ago, replacing Dick McPherson, and immediately led the Orangemen to two consecutive New Year's Day bowl victories. In just two seasons, Pasqualoni had accumulated 20 victories, and the expectation among Syracuse fans was that the Orangemen would soon contend for the national title.

The past two seasons, however, have taught Central New Yorkers not to take the double-digit victory seasons for granted. Successive seasons of 6-4-1 and 7-4 could not get Syracuse into a bowl game, and it has simply hardened the resolve of the notoriously hard-working Pasqualoni.

Pasqualoni wants badly to get back to the postseason, and despite several offseason defections from his coaching staff, he won't rest until they do.

OFFENSE: The Orangemen believe senior wide receiver Marvin Harrison could be one of the nation's best. He was brilliant as a junior, catching 36 passes for 761 yards—good for 21.1 yards per catch. “A dynamic player,” offensive coordinator George DeLeone said.

The problem this season for the Orangemen is this: Who is going to get him the ball? Three players sauntered into spring practice with a chance to replace the departed Kevin Mason at quarterback, including two redshirt freshmen, Donovan McNabb and Kevin Johnson, as well as sophomore Keith Downing.

The Orange is counting on junior Malcolm Thomas (642 yards rushing in '94) to step into the backfield.

DEFENSE: The reasons behind Syracuse's late-season swoons the past two seasons haven't been hard to find. They've had trouble stopping the opposition. Still, the Orange have a core of terrific young defenders who could emerge this season.

Sophomore inside linebacker Antwaune Ponds had a marvelous freshman season a year ago. He made 122 tackles, including three for losses, broke up three passes and recovered two fumbles.

The secondary has a chance to become one of Syracuse's best. Corners Kevin Abrams (19 pass breakups) and Rod Gadsdon played significantly as underclassmen, and safety Darrell Parker (79 tackles) also returns. Right tackle Dave Rebar is Syracuse's best pass rusher. He had three sacks and nine quarterback pressures a year ago, and caused three fumbles. He'll need more help across the front, though, from what has been a relatively weak pass rush the last few seasons.



PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Donovan McNabb (Fr., 6-2, 202)	Keith Downing (So., 6-3, 196)
RB: Malcolm Thomas (Jr., 5-8, 196)	Tebucky Jones (So., 6-2, 195)
FB: Terry Morris (Jr., 5-10, 208)*	Rob Konrad (Fr., 6-3, 230)
WR: Marvin Harrison (Sr., 6-0, 174)*	Deon Maddox (Jr., 5-10, 175)
WR: Sir Mawn Wilson (Sr., 6-2, 221)*	Jim Turner (So., 6-4, 212)
TE: Roland Williams (So., 6-5, 250)	Kaseem Sinceno (So., 6-5, 236)
TE: Brad Patkochis (So., 6-5, 279)	Mike Russnok (Fr., 6-5, 274)
LB: Cy Ellsworth (Sr., 6-4, 283)*	John Michaelidis (Jr., 6-4, 320)
C: Harvey Pennypacker (Jr., 6-5, 268)	Chris Adamcik (Fr., 6-5, 315)
RG: Shelton Prescott (Jr., 6-4, 310)*	Chuck Beatie (So., 6-5, 306)
RE: Jim Ledger (Sr., 6-4, 292)*	Brent Warren (So., 6-6, 320)

DEFENSE

DE: Scott Freney (Jr., 6-3, 243)*	Andre Smith (Jr., 6-5, 247)
NG: Dave Rebar (Sr., 6-3, 232)*	George Meyers (Jr., 6-4, 253)
RE: Jason Walters (6-4, 248)	Brian Tarrant (Sr., 6-4, 270)
LB: Nate Hemsley (Jr., 6-1, 198)	Jason Poles (Fr., 6-3, 196)
LB: Dana Cottrell (Jr., 6-4, 235)	Joe Wright (Jr., 6-1, 224)
LB: Antwaune Ponds (So., 6-0, 232)*	Stan Gibbs (Fr., 5-11, 204)
LB: Chris Marques (Sr., 6-3, 237)*	Dulayne Morgan (So., 6-4, 238)
CB: Kevin Abrams (Jr., 5-9, 159)*	Shawn Summerville (Fr., 6-1, 180)
CB: Rod Gadsdon (So., 5-8, 171)	Phil Nash (Fr., 6-0, 192)
SS: Darrell Parker (Sr., 5-8, 186)*	Anthony Walker (Jr., 6-2, 203)
FS: Donovan Darius (So., 6-1, 201)	Larry Tyger (So., 6-1, 214)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Olindo Mare (Sr., 5-11, 174)*	Sean Reali (Jr., 5-11, 194)
P: Sean Reali (Jr., 5-11, 194)*	Olindo Mare (Sr., 5-11, 174)

(* denotes returning starter)

SPECIAL TEAMS: Syracuse has a potential star returning kicker in sophomore wide receiver Jim Turner. When opponents wouldn't kick to Kirby Dar Dar, it was Turner who returned the ball. He averaged 24.6 yards per return and even broke one 89 yards for a touchdown.

The kicking game should again be shared by Sean Reali and Olindo Mare. Reali is a good punter who averaged 43.4 yards per attempt last season. The kickers share field-goal duties, with Mare taking the longer tries. Neither was terribly successful a season ago. They combined to make four of 10 attempts, missing four of five beyond 40 yards.

RECRUITING: Two years ago, the Orangemen missed on scores of prospects they desperately wanted. This year, they changed the focus of recruiting, turning their attention to geographic strongholds in the Northeast, and signed one of the finest classes in the East.

The most intriguing signee could be fullback Rob Konrad of North Andover, Mass. He reminds some of former Orangeman Daryl Johnston, and he's been given the storied No. 44 to wear on his jersey.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Carrier Dome, Syracuse, N.Y. (50,000, artificial)
RETURNING STARTERS (14): Offense (6); Defense (6); Specialists (2)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Dan Conley, LB (1st-team All-Big East); Kirby Dar-Dar, RB (2nd-team All-Big East); Kevin Mason, QB (1st-team All-Big East); Melvin Tuten, OL (2nd-team All-Big East); Dave Wohlabaugh, OL (2nd-team All-Big East)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: None
RUSHING: Malcolm Thomas, Jr., 113 carries, 642 yards, 3 TDs
RECEIVING (catches): Marvin Harrison, Sr., 36, 5 TDs
RECEIVING (yards): Harrison, 761
TACKLES: Antwaune Ponds, So., 122
SACKS: Dave Rebar, Sr., 3
INTERCEPTIONS: 3 tied with 1 each
PUNTING: Sean Reali, Jr., 43.4 avg.
KICKING: Olindo Mare, Sr., 3-7 FGs (long 35), 14-14 PATs
SCORING: Harrison, 36 points (6 TDs)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . at North Carolina
Sept. 9 . . . EAST CAROLINA
Sept. 23 . . . MINNESOTA
Sept. 30 . . . at Rutgers
Oct. 7 . . . TEMPLE
Oct. 14 . . . EASTERN MICHIGAN
Oct. 21 . . . WEST VIRGINIA
Nov. 4 . . . at Virginia Tech
Nov. 11 . . . at Pittsburgh
Nov. 18 . . . BOSTON COLLEGE
Nov. 25 . . . at Miami (Fla.)

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . OKLAHOMA; lost, 30-29
Sept. 10 . . . at Cincinnati; won, 34-19
Sept. 17 . . . RUTGERS; won, 37-36
Sept. 24 . . . at East Carolina; won, 21-18
Oct. 1 . . . VIRGINIA TECH; won, 28-20
Oct. 8 . . . PITTSBURGH; won, 31-7
Oct. 22 . . . at Temple; won, 49-42
Nov. 5 . . . MIAMI (FLA.); lost, 27-26
Nov. 12 . . . at Boston College; lost, 31-0
Nov. 19 . . . MARYLAND; won, 21-16
Nov. 24 . . . at West Virginia; lost, 13-0

MILESTONES

- Syracuse is 233-0 in games it has scored 30 points or more.
- The Orangemen are 5-0-1 in their last six bowl games, including a 2-0-1 mark against SEC teams.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Finding a quarterback to replace Kevin Mason.
- ✓ Secondary must tighten up and hold opponents under 200 yards passing per game.
- ✓ Must put more pressure on opposing quarterbacks.

RUTGERS

SCARLET KNIGHTS

COACH: DOUG GRABER, 6TH YEAR, 25-29-1
'94 RECORD: 5-5-1 (2-4-1 CONF.)

BY MICHAEL BRADLEY

If all the reports about Doug Graber over the past two years had been true, he would just now be recovering from burns on his backside suffered while sitting on the hot seat.

During the past two seasons, Graber's name has constantly come up in discussions regarding those coaches destined to be fired. And yet, he is ready for his sixth year at Rutgers and rather tired of all the premature reports of his demise.

"For a program that just started giving full scholarships in the mid-1970s, just got a legitimate on-campus stadium and just got its program to the point where it can compete with anybody in any way, shape or form in terms of recruiting, we have come light years," Graber said.

Graber has a point. Rutgers has finally put all the ancillary things in place — stadium, offices, training complex, etc. — to match its Big East peers. And during the past few years, the Scarlet Knights have begun to recruit more successfully in their home state of New Jersey, which, until recently, was a popular destination for nearly every school in the country, except Rutgers.

It's all in place. Now, it's time to win. Though Graber achieved the first back-to-back winning seasons (1991-'92) at Rutgers since 1979-'80, he still hasn't taken the Knights to a bowl game.

OFFENSE: Expect the Knights to put up another 4,000-plus yards in total offense. In fact, it will be a major disappointment if they don't. Rutgers is loaded with quality skill-position players and needs only for its line to develop in order to detonate.

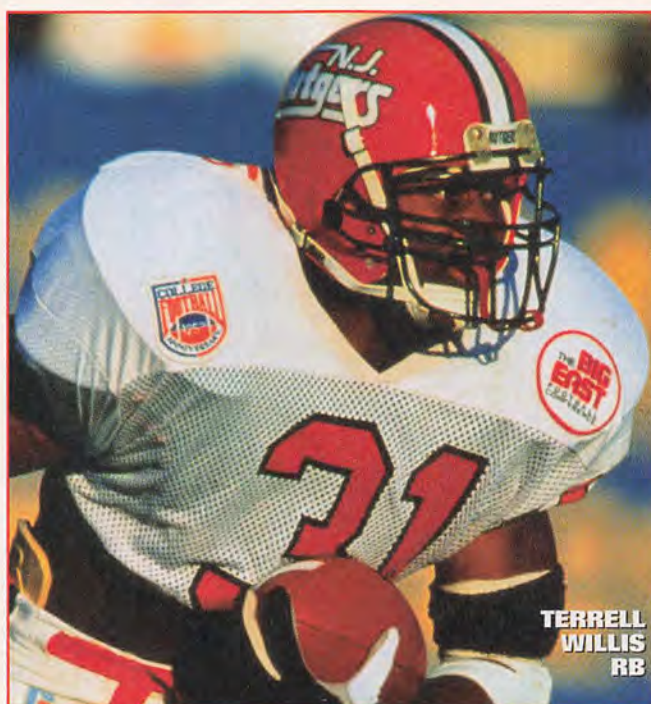
Senior Ray Lucas returns at quarterback after offseason shoulder surgery to correct a dislocation problem that has hindered him the past two seasons. Lucas completed 58.2 percent of his passes last year for 1,869 yards, 16 touchdowns and 10 interceptions.

He'll enjoy throwing to one of the Big East's best crop of receivers, including senior tight end Marco Battaglia (58 receptions, 4 TDs), one of the best in the country, and wideout Reggie Funderburk (55 catches, 8 TDs).

The Knights' ground game may be even more formidable, thanks to the return of their "Thunder and Lightning" tandem of senior Bruce Presley (546 yards rushing) and junior Terrell Willis (1,080).

DEFENSE: The Knights' switch to a 4-3 configuration last year didn't do a whole lot to diminish its propensity for giving up points. Rutgers allowed 23.7 points and 369.2 yards per game, numbers that have to make a former defensive coordinator like Graber sick.

Graber was encouraged during the spring, but there's plenty of work to be done, particularly along the defensive line. Senior Jim Guarnera



PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Ray Lucas (Sr., 6-3, 210)*	Robert Higgins (Sr., 6-3, 215)
TB: Terrell Willis (Jr., 6-0, 200)*	Bruce Presley (Sr., 5-10, 215)
FB: Ezra Johnson (Jr., 6-0, 235)	Marc Demyen (Fr., 6-0, 235)
WR: Reggie Funderburk (Jr., 5-11, 175)*	Jonathan Gibbs (Sr., 6-2, 200)
WR: Eddie Walker (Sr., 5-8, 165)	Chris Hutton (So., 6-5, 200)
TE: Marco Battaglia (Sr., 6-3, 240)*	Jason Curry (Jr., 6-4, 235)
LE: Michael Theokas (Sr., 6-7, 300)	Mike Craig (So., 6-5, 325)
LB: Matt Brown (Sr., 6-2, 320)	Jack McKiernan (So., 6-2, 275)
C: Pat Gorman (Sr., 6-2, 290)	Jack McKiernan (So., 6-2, 275)
RB: Chris Kennedy (Sr., 6-4, 285)*	Brian Rafferty (Fr., 6-3, 285)
RT: Robert Barr (Sr., 6-5, 320)*	T.J. Spizzo (Jr., 6-4, 285)

DEFENSE

RE: Charles Woolridge (So., 6-3, 245)	Rudy Smith (Sr., 6-5, 250)
RE: Jim Guarnera (Sr., 6-5, 265)*	Shawn Devlin (Jr., 6-1, 270)
LE: Rashod Swinger (Jr., 6-3, 285)*	Mike Karwacki (So., 6-5, 250)
LE: Rusty Swartz (Jr., 6-2, 230)*	Joey Jones (So., 6-3, 225)
LB: Brian Sheridan (Jr., 6-1, 235)	Ken Dinolfo (Fr., 6-3, 225)
LB: Rashaan Giddings (Sr., 6-2, 220)*	Chris Cebula (So., 6-3, 220)
LB: Mike Brestle (Jr., 6-0, 230)	Don Sallari (Fr., 6-1, 215)
CB: Derek Ward (Jr., 5-11, 170)*	Kevin Williams (So., 6-1, 180)
CB: Cameron Chadwick (Jr., 5-10, 190)	Michael Roberts (Jr., 5-10, 175)
SS: Mark Washington (Sr., 5-9, 190)*	Norris Crawford (Jr., 5-9, 185)
FS: Thomas Kelly (So., 5-11, 190)*	Paul Rivers (So., 5-11, 190)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Joe Kucowski (Sr., 6-3, 200)	Nick Mike-Mayer Jr. (Jr., 6-0, 200)
P: Jared Slovan (So., 6-4, 185)*	Joe Kucowski (Sr., 6-3, 200)

(* denotes returning starter)

and sophomore Rashod Swinger return at the tackle spots, but Rutgers needs a pair of ends. Junior Rusty Swartz moves to end from his outside linebacker spot, and sophomore Charles Woolridge makes the switch from tight end. Junior college transfer Kerry Ware (6-foot-5, 285 pounds) could also get a look.

Graber is extremely happy with JUCO cornerback Cameron Chadwick, who has grabbed a starting position. He and senior strong safety Mark Washington, a second-team All-Big East pick last year, are the stalwarts in a defensive backfield that allowed 204.8 passing yards per game last year.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Sophomore punter Jared Slovan was inconsistent (35.3 average) last year. The Knights are without a kicker, and Graber has no idea who will emerge. Possibilities include junior walk-on Nick Mike-Mayer Jr., the son of the former NFL placekicker, and senior Joe Kucowski. **RECRUITING:** Fourteen of the 26 Rutgers recruits were defensive players, including defensive backs Aaron Brady, Tamen Bryant, David Griffin and Charles Wiley. Running back Gary Fauntleroy is a highly touted homegrown prospect.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Rutgers Stadium, New Brunswick, N.J. (42,000, grass)
RETURNING STARTERS (14): Offense (6); Defense (7); Specialists (1)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Ken Dammann, OL (2nd-team All-Big East); Robert Sneathen, DL (2nd-team All-Big East)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Ray Lucas, Sr., 156-268-1,869 yards, 16 TDs, 10 INTs
RUSHING: Terrell Willis, Jr., 216 carries, 1,080 yards, 5 TDs
RECEIVING (catches): Marco Battaglia, Sr., 58, 4 TDs
RECEIVING (yards): Battaglia, 779
TACKLES: Mark Washington, Sr., 95
SACKS (tie): Rashod Swinger, Jr., James Guarnera, Sr., 4
INTERCEPTIONS: Washington, 3
PUNTING: Jared Slovan, So., 35.3 avg.
KICKING: None
SCORING: Funderburk, 48 points (8 TDs)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 9 . . . at Duke
Sept. 16 . . . NAVY
Sept. 23 . . . PENN STATE (at Giants Stadium)
Sept. 30 . . . SYRACUSE
Oct. 14 . . . at Miami (Fla.)
Oct. 21 . . . VIRGINIA TECH
Oct. 28 . . . PITTSBURGH
Nov. 4 . . . at West Virginia
Nov. 11 . . . at Tulane
Nov. 18 . . . at Temple
Nov. 24 . . . BOSTON COLLEGE

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . KENT; won, 28-6
Sept. 10 . . . W. VIRGINIA; won, 17-12
Sept. 17 . . . at Syracuse; lost, 37-36
Sept. 24 . . . at Penn State; lost, 55-27
Oct. 1 . . . MIAMI (Fla.); lost, 24-3
Oct. 8 . . . ARMY; won, 16-14
Oct. 15 . . . CINCINNATI; won, 14-9
Oct. 22 . . . at Boston College; tied, 7-7
Nov. 5 . . . TEMPLE; won, 38-21
Nov. 12 . . . at Virginia Tech; lost, 41-34
Nov. 19 . . . at Pittsburgh; lost, 35-21

MILESTONES

- If tailback Terrell Willis rushes for 1,000 yards, he will become the first Rutgers back to do so in three consecutive seasons.
- Tight end Marco Battaglia needs 59 receptions to become Rutgers' career leader.
- Quarterback Ray Lucas needs 15 touchdown passes to become the school's all-time leader.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Develop the offensive line.
- ✓ Improve the defense, particularly up front.
- ✓ Win on the road. Rutgers is 1-8-1 away from home the last two years.

By MICHAEL BRADLEY

Though the autumn Saturdays have been rough the last couple years, Pitt coach Johnny Majors insists he is still having fun. "I love it," he said about trying to rebuild the Panthers to the heights they enjoyed during Majors' first tenure at the school in the mid-1970s.

Majors had better enjoy his work, because he still has a few tough seasons to endure before Pittsburgh will be a contender in the Big East. Though the Panthers closed 1994 with wins over Rutgers and Temple and a near miss against Miami, things won't necessarily be easier. The 1995 schedule is particularly unforgiving, thanks to non-conference games against '94 bowl participants Washington State, Texas and Ohio State.

"It took about five years at Tennessee to get to the point where we were able to compete against everyone," Majors said. "Our talent level is not up to par with many people on our schedule."

OFFENSE: Few teams in the Big East boast skill position talent as complete as the Panthers. Quarterback John Ryan survived a midseason benching in '94 to lead the league in passing efficiency. His primary target, senior Dietrich Jells, averaged 17.4 yards per reception last year and should become the school leader in career catches and yardage this season.

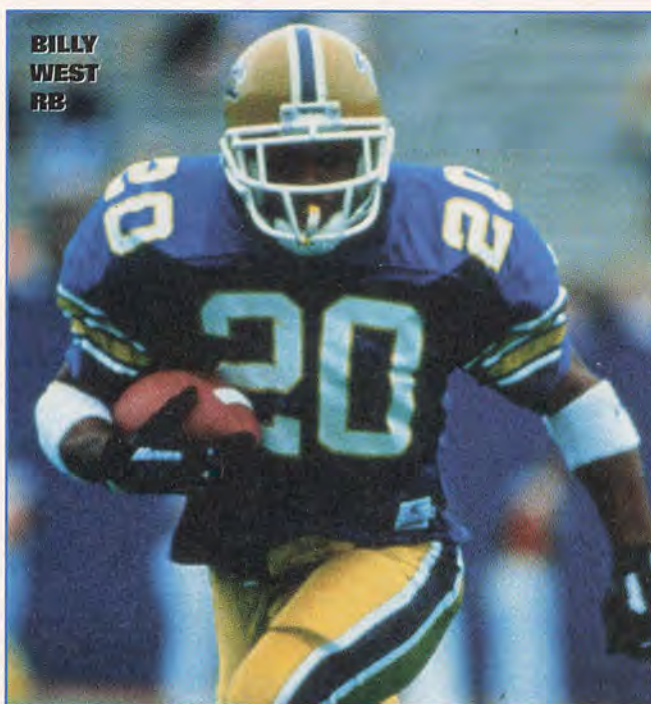
Tailback Billy West exploded last year for 1,358 yards and was the surprise winner of the Big East Offensive Player of the Year award. West had six 100-yard games last year and returns as the league's marquee back.

Pitt fans can expect big things from West, provided the junior has someone to block for him. The losses of All-America tackle Reuben Brown and sturdy center Lawson Mollica has the line in a state of considerable flux. Brown was selected 14th overall in April's NFL draft by the Buffalo Bills. Sophomore Reggie Thomas, last year's starting left guard, moves to center, while juniors Jeff Craig and Tim Glass inherit the guard positions. Sophomore Tony Orlandini settles in at right tackle.

DEFENSE: The Panthers return nine starters from a unit that improved 37 spots last year to 66th in the country against the run. Still, Pitt ranked seventh in the Big East in total defense and scoring defense.

Three senior starters — end Zaititi Moody and tackles Mike Halapin and Tyler Young — return along the front line. They'll be supported by a strong linebacking corps that includes senior Tom Tumulty, whose injury problems (torn chest muscle in '92, knee problems last year) have not squelched his fiery play.

Jason Chavis survived a 1993 demotion to the defensive line to emerge as a steady middle linebacker last year and led the Panthers



BILLY WEST
RB

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: John Ryan (Sr., 6-3, 210)*	Sean Fitzgerald (Sr., 6-4, 210)
TB: Billy West (Jr., 5-10, 205)*	Chris Patton (Sr., 5-10, 210)
FB: Vince Williams (Sr., 6-0, 230)	Chris Schneider (Fr., 6-1, 240)
WR: Dietrich Jells (Sr., 6-1, 190)*	Jay Jones (Sr., 5-9, 175)
WR: Mark Butler (Jr., 5-10, 165)	Curtis Anderson (Jr., 6-1, 190)
TE: Dell Seagraves (Sr., 6-3, 240)*	Ray Belvin (Sr., 6-3, 240)
LE: Tim Robbins (Jr., 6-5, 265)	Mike Schultz (Fr., 6-5, 280)
LE: Tim Glass (Jr., 6-3, 280)	Matt Hosilyk (Sr., 6-4, 285)
C: Reggie Thomas (So., 6-5, 265)*	Rodney Epps (Jr., 6-1, 265)
RG: Jeff Craig (Jr., 6-5, 285)*	Jason Sepkowski (So., 6-2, 275)
RT: Tony Orlandini (So., 6-5, 280)	Brian Curran (Sr., 6-5, 270)

DEFENSE

DE: Zaititi Moody (Sr., 6-2, 235)*	Jared Miller (Jr., 6-3, 245)
DE: Mike Halapin (Sr., 6-5, 270)*	Kenny Pegram (Fr., 6-2, 275)
DE: Tyler Young (Sr., 6-4, 275)*	Frank Moore (So., 6-3, 275)
LB: David Sumner (Sr., 6-2, 205)*	Philip Clarke (Fr., 6-0, 225)
LB: Tom Tumulty (Sr., 6-4, 240)*	Myles Davis (Jr., 6-1, 220)
LB: Jon McCray (Sr., 6-2, 220)	Marcus Buford (So., 6-4, 230)
LB: Jason Chavis (Sr., 6-2, 245)*	Rod Humphrey (So., 6-1, 225)
CB: Denorse Mosley (Jr., 6-1, 180)*	Daryl Cash (Sr., 6-0, 185)
CB: Anthony Dorsett (Sr., 5-11, 190)*	Thad Culpepper (Sr., 5-9, 175)
SS: Jim Williams (Jr., 5-11, 190)*	Curtis McGhee (Jr., 5-10, 180)
FS: John Jenkins (So., 6-2, 185)	Chuck Brown (Fr., 5-11, 175)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Steve Kalmanides (So., 6-0, 195)	Todd Barton (Sr., 6-2, 225)
P: Nate Cochran (Jr., 6-5, 210)*	Todd Barton (Sr., 6-2, 225)

(* denotes returning starter)

with 98 tackles.

Majors is particularly high on his secondary, specifically cornerbacks Denorse Mosley and Anthony Dorsett. Mosley picked off six passes last year. Dorsett, whose career at Pitt has been marked by numerous position changes, settled in at corner early on last year.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Mark Butler is one of the Big East's leading return men, and teams with Mosley, Dorsett, Jells and Jay Jones in a dangerous return quintet.

Punter Nate Cochran was 23rd in the nation last year with a 41.8-yard average, and kicker Steve Kalmanides, who redshirted last

year after starting in 1993, is an adequate placement man.

RECRUITING: Pitt received a substantial injection of speed and talent at the skill spots, landing running back Demetrius Harris, wideouts Jerome Mitchell and Demale Stanley and defensive backs Roosevelt Benjamin and Rashad Whitmill.

Quarterback Darnell Dinkins is a multi-talented threat under center, while Bill Craver, Raheem Johnson and Ethan Weidle should continue Pitt's tradition of strong offensive linemen.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Pitt Stadium, Pittsburgh, Pa. (56,500, artificial)
RETURNING STARTERS (17): Offense (7); Defense (9); Specialists (1)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Tom Barndt, DL (2nd-team All-Big East); Reuben Brown, OL (1st-team All-Big East); Billy Davis, WR (2nd-team All-Big East); Curtis Martin, RB (entered NFL draft)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: John Ryan, Sr., 87-144-1,294 yards, 14 TDs, 6 INTs
RUSHING: Billy West, Jr., 252 carries, 1,358 yards, 6 TDs
RECEIVING (catches): Dietrich Jells, Sr., 35, 4 TDs
RECEIVING (yards): Jells, 613
TACKLES: Jason Chavis, Sr., 98
SACKS: Tyler Young, Sr., 5
INTERCEPTIONS: Denorse Mosley, Jr., 6
PUNTING: Nate Cochran, Jr., 41.8 avg.
KICKING: None
SCORING: West, 36 points (6 TDs)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . WASHINGTON STATE
Sept. 9 . . . EASTERN MICHIGAN
Sept. 16 . . . at Texas
Sept. 23 . . . OHIO STATE
Sept. 30 . . . VIRGINIA TECH
Oct. 7 . . . at Boston College
Oct. 14 . . . at Temple
Oct. 21 . . . MIAMI (Fla.)
Oct. 28 . . . at Rutgers
Nov. 11 . . . SYRACUSE
Nov. 24 . . . at West Virginia

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . TEXAS; lost, 30-28
Sept. 10 . . . OHIO U.; won, 30-16
Sept. 17 . . . at Ohio State; lost, 27-3
Sept. 24 . . . BOSTON COLLEGE; lost, 21-9
Oct. 1 . . . at Louisville; lost, 33-29
Oct. 8 . . . at Syracuse; lost, 31-7
Oct. 15 . . . W. VIRGINIA; lost, 47-41
Oct. 22 . . . at Virginia Tech; lost, 45-7
Oct. 29 . . . TEMPLE; won, 45-19
Nov. 12 . . . at Miami (Fla.); lost, 17-12
Nov. 19 . . . RUTGERS; won, 35-21

MILESTONES

- Dietrich Jells needs 22 catches to become Pitt's all-time leading receiver and 51 yards to top the receiving yardage list.
- Quarterback John Ryan needs 482 yards to pass Matt Cavanaugh and move into sixth place on the all-time Pitt passing list.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Develop the offensive line, particularly at tackle and center.
- ✓ Find a new kicker.
- ✓ Find the confidence to turn previously lost fourth-quarter opportunities into wins.

By ADRIAN WOJNAROWSKI

Three years ago, Ron Dickerson had no choice. He simply could not turn down a Division I-A coaching job. Such opportunities seldom come for black assistants, and when the Temple president and its most esteemed alumnus and booster, Bill Cosby, charter a plane to Clemson to bring you back as the new head coach, you simply follow them back for the news conference.

Most consider Temple, with its hollow tradition, decrepit facilities and relative football fan apathy, one of the nation's most unenviable coaching jobs. So, yes, the progress undertaken these past two seasons has been truly remarkable—Dickerson has moved the Owls to a level of respectability.

"There's no question about it," Dickerson said. "I was at Colorado with Bill McCartney when we started that program out there, and there are a lot of similarities to how devastated that program and this one was when we entered. But just like there, we're starting to see some light at the end of the tunnel."

OFFENSE: Junior Henry Burris has developed into one of the Big East's top quarterbacks. Burris was the league's leader in total offense, and he had much to do with Temple finishing 17th nationally—advancing from last to first in the conference—with an average of 250 yards passing per game.

The Owls have an intriguing back in Juan Gaddy, who gained 285 yards last season. He was a Prop. 48 casualty as a freshman and injury-riddled as a sophomore, but this could be the season he fulfills the promise of rushing for 1,000 yards.

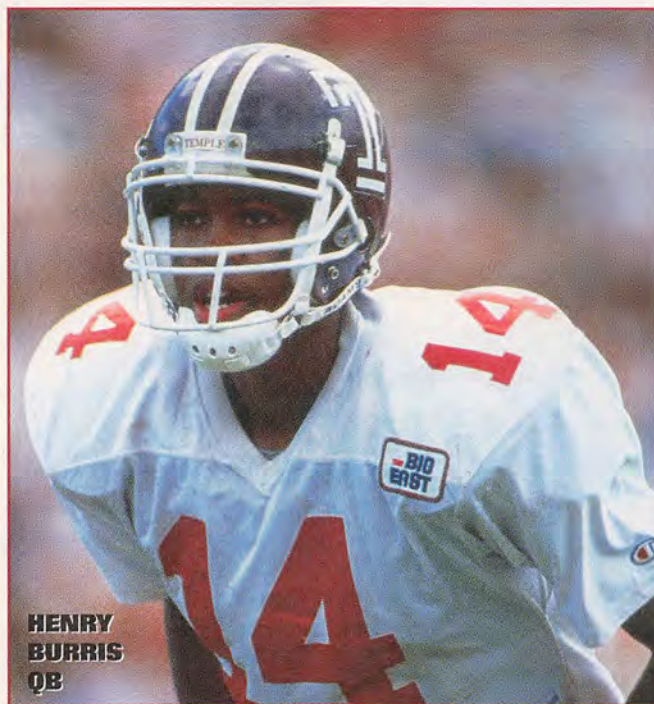
"We're going to be much better," Dickerson said. "Our tailback [Gaddy] was all banged up and really didn't give 100 percent—because he couldn't. He's going to be one of the brightest spots this season."

DEFENSE: The maturation of the Temple defense has not been as swift as its offense. The Owls allowed 37.9 points per game and an average of 445 total yards per game last season.

Most telling to Dickerson has been his defense's lack of physical strength. The Owls are spending much more time in the weight room these days, but there is still much work to be done.

Temple's strength is its linebacking threesome of Lance Johnstone (114 tackles), Alshemond Singleton (five forced fumbles) and Alabama transfer Willie Brown. The secondary has been playing together for two seasons and needs to fare better against the pass. Phil Cox, who had four interceptions, will add depth if he qualifies academically.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Throughout his two seasons as coach, Dickerson



HENRY BURRIS
QB

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Henry Burris (Sr., 6-1, 180)*	Pat Bonner (Fr., 6-0, 175)
TB: Juan Gaddy (Jr., 5-10, 190)*	Danny Davis (Jr., 5-10, 180)
FB: Corey Green (Jr., 6-0, 220)	Frank Carter (Jr., 5-9, 190)
WR: Marc Baxter (Sr., 6-1, 190)*	Randy Canzoneri (Jr., 5-11, 185)
WR: Van Johnson (Jr., 6-1, 180)*	Tim Israel (Sr., 6-0, 180)
TE: Kedrick Whitehead (Fr., 6-3, 215)	Kyle Benzio (Jr., 6-6, 245)
LT: Jon Clark (Sr., 6-7, 330)*	Tom Gilson (Jr., 6-2, 296)
LG: Ed Bowen (Jr., 6-2, 280)*	Drew Peterson (Jr., 6-6, 320)
C: Tom Berger (Jr., 6-3, 265)*	Kevin Carrozza (Fr., 6-3, 270)
RG: John Summerday (Sr., 6-2, 290)*	Paul Segro (Fr., 6-3, 270)
RT: Eric Johnson (Jr., 6-5, 285)*	Roger Chanoine (So., 6-5, 280)

DEFENSE

DE: Robert Kelly (So., 6-5, 260)	Michael Tripp (Fr., 6-3, 253)
DE: Andy Phipps (Jr., 6-3, 275)*	Diego Paiva (Jr., 6-2, 245)
DE: Tealang Lloyd (Jr., 6-2, 265)	Mario Ayala (So., 6-2, 240)
DE: Tim Terry (Jr., 6-3, 235)*	Jason Davis (Jr., 6-4, 235)
LB: Lance Johnstone (Sr., 6-3, 242)*	Keith Kerrins (Jr., 6-0, 215)
LB: Alshemond Singleton (Jr., 6-3, 228)*	Shedrick Perry (Sr., 6-0, 230)
LB: Willie Brown (Sr., 6-1, 219)	Jon Swift (Jr., 6-2, 220)
CB: Robert McWilliams (Sr., 5-11, 180)*	Marcus Counts (So., 6-0, 245)
CB: Allan Jackson (Sr., 6-0, 200)*	Phil Cox (Jr., 5-1, 181)
SS: Orrin Marshman (So., 6-1, 180)	Franklin McBride (Fr., 6-0, 190)
FS: Ted McDuffie (Jr., 6-0, 180)	Kobie Barnett (Fr., 6-3, 185)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Zane Michalski (So., 5-11, 200)	Dave Nicholl (Fr., 6-2, 185)
P: John Shay (Sr., 5-11, 200)*	Zane Michalski (So., 5-11, 200)

(* denotes returning starter)

and his staff have tried to compensate for the Owls' inferior talent and depth. Special teams has been an area they've attempted to gain an advantage.

"We've done some creative things in our punting situation, things people weren't expecting, and they're going to always have to be on guard," Dickerson said.

Temple has a decent punter in John Shay, whose average actually dropped last season to 38.8 yards.

Gone is placekicker Rich Maston, who made nine of 15 field-goal attempts and 25 of 27 PATs.

RECRUITING: His reputation had been as a terrific recruiter, and

Dickerson has fulfilled his legacy with his first three recruiting classes at Temple. And this one, it is believed, could be one of the best in school history.

Dickerson recruited terrific skill players over his first two seasons but, this year, 15 of his 23 signees were linemen.

Andrew Garchinsky (6-foot-4, 280 pounds), Tim Leach (6-7, 321) and Scott Oster (6-4, 325) are Philadelphia-area recruits who could impact the program.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Veterans Stadium, Philadelphia (66,592, artificial)
RETURNING STARTERS (16): Offense (9); Defense (6); Specialists (1)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Rich Maston, PK

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Henry Burris, Jr., 215-409-2,716 yards, 21 TDs, 12 INTs
RUSHING: Juan Gaddy, Jr., 103 carries, 285 yards, 1 TD
RECEIVING (catches): Van Johnson, Jr., 34, 5 TDs
RECEIVING (yards): Johnson, 622
TACKLES: Lance Johnstone, Sr., 114
SACKS: 3 tied with 2
INTERCEPTIONS: Phil Cox, Jr., 4
PUNTING: John Shay, Sr., 38.8 avg.
KICKING: None
SCORING: Johnson, Danny Davis, Jr., 30 points each (5 TDs)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . at Kansas State
Sept. 9 . . . at West Virginia
Sept. 16 . . . at Penn State
Sept. 30 . . . BOWLING GREEN
Oct. 7 . . . at Syracuse
Oct. 14 . . . PITTSBURGH
Oct. 21 . . . at East Carolina
Oct. 28 . . . at Miami (Fla.)
Nov. 4 . . . BOSTON COLLEGE
Nov. 11 . . . VIRGINIA TECH
Nov. 18 . . . RUTGERS

1994 RESULTS

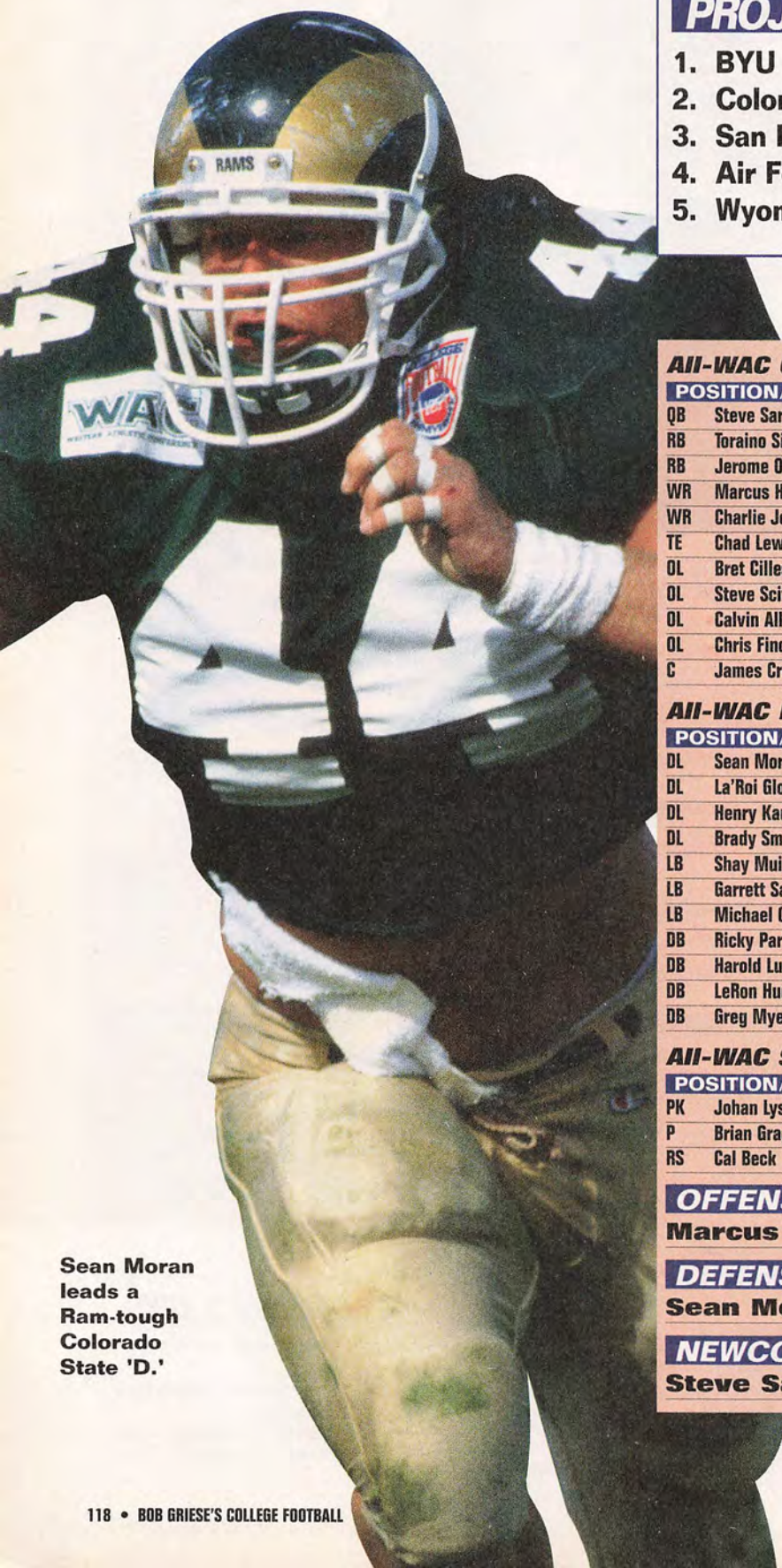
Sept. 3 . . . at Akron; won, 32-7
Sept. 17 . . . E. CAROLINA; lost, 31-14
Sept. 24 . . . at Army; won, 23-20
Oct. 1 . . . PENN STATE; lost, 48-21
Oct. 8 . . . at Va. Tech; lost, 41-13
Oct. 15 . . . at BC; lost, 45-28
Oct. 22 . . . SYRACUSE; lost, 49-42
Oct. 29 . . . at Pittsburgh; lost, 45-19
Nov. 5 . . . at Rutgers; lost, 38-21
Nov. 12 . . . W. VIRGINIA; lost, 55-17
Nov. 19 . . . MIAMI (FLA.); lost, 38-14

MILESTONES

- Temple's passing game improved from last in the Big East to first and ranked 17th nationally with an average of 250.6 yards per game.
- Quarterback Henry Burris was 15th nationally—No. 1 in the Big East—with 234.3 ypg of total offense.
- Burris set eight school passing records, including a 96-year mark for passing yards in one season (2,716).

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- Running game must improve immensely.
- Overall physical strength must increase.
- Continued evolution of Henry Burris at quarterback.



Sean Moran leads a Ram-tough Colorado State 'D.'

PROJECTED ORDER OF FINISH

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| 1. BYU | 6. Utah |
| 2. Colorado State | 7. New Mexico |
| 3. San Diego State | 8. Hawaii |
| 4. Air Force | 9. Fresno State |
| 5. Wyoming | 10. UTEP |

All-WAC Offense

POSITION/PLAYER	YR.	HT./WT.	COLLEGE
QB Steve Sarkisian	Jr.	6-2/200	BYU
RB Toraino Singleton	Sr.	6-3/230	UTEP
RB Jerome Oliver	Sr.	5-9/200	Fresno State
WR Marcus Harris	Jr.	6-1/203	Wyoming
WR Charlie Jones	Sr.	5-10/170	Fresno State
TE Chad Lewis	Jr.	6-6/220	BYU
OL Bret Cillesen	Sr.	6-1/250	Air Force
OL Steve Scifres	Jr.	6-5/265	Wyoming
OL Calvin Allen	Sr.	6-7/365	New Mexico
OL Chris Finch	Sr.	6-6/285	San Diego St.
C James Cregg	Sr.	6-3/260	Colorado St.

All-WAC Defense

POSITION/PLAYER	YR.	HT./WT.	COLLEGE
DL Sean Moran	Sr.	6-3/254	Colorado St.
DL La'Roi Glover	Sr.	6-2/275	San Diego St.
DL Henry Kaufusi	Sr.	6-2/275	Utah
DL Brady Smith	Sr.	6-6/240	Colorado St.
LB Shay Muirbrook	Jr.	6-0/220	BYU
LB Garrett Sand	Sr.	6-2/228	Colorado St.
LB Michael Comer	Jr.	5-10/249	UTEP
DB Ricky Parker	Jr.	6-1/190	San Diego St.
DB Harold Lusk	Jr.	6-1/188	Utah
DB LeRon Hudgins	Sr.	6-1/205	Air Force
DB Greg Myers	Sr.	6-2/193	Colorado St.

All-WAC Special Teams

POSITION/PLAYER	YR.	HT./WT.	COLLEGE
PK Johan Lyssand	So.	5-7/150	Fresno State
P Brian Gragert	Sr.	6-1/223	Wyoming
RS Cal Beck	So.	5-9/175	Utah

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Marcus Harris, Wyoming

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Sean Moran, Colorado State

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Steve Sarkisian, QB, BYU

By PHIL MILLER

The first indication that something is different at Brigham Young comes when coach LaVell Edwards tries to change the subject.

Ask Edwards about the Cougars' quarterback — normally the highest-profile football player in the WAC — and he'll tell you he's happy with Steve Sarkisian's progress and promise.

"But our offense won't live or die with Steve," Edwards insists. "He looks like he'll do a good job, but we have plenty of other good people to put around him."

At a school that has built its tradition on record-setting quarterbacks — see Steve Young, Jim McMahon and Ty Detmer — Sarkisian represents a departure, and a moderate risk. When John Walsh quit school a year early to enter the NFL draft, the Cougars were left with an unexpected void.

Faced with a new problem, the Cougars are trying a new solution: a junior college hotshot. Sarkisian, whose 4,297 passing yards and 41 touchdown passes at El Camino Junior College certainly earn him that title, is the first quarterback in Edwards' 23 seasons to be handed the Cougars' reins without an apprenticeship.

Edwards is right, there's plenty of other talent at BYU, including an experienced defense and two terrific tight ends. In Provo, however, expectations begin and end with the guy taking snaps.

OFFENSE: Sarkisian "is getting a crash course in our offense," Edwards said. "We're pleased with his progress, but it's like learning another language."

Rather than trying to separate junior tight ends Chad Lewis and Itula Mili, the Cougars have changed their offense and made both starters. The H-back formation has been in BYU's playbook for years, but in 1995 it will be the offense's standard setup, with 6-foot-3, 240-pound Mili in the slot.

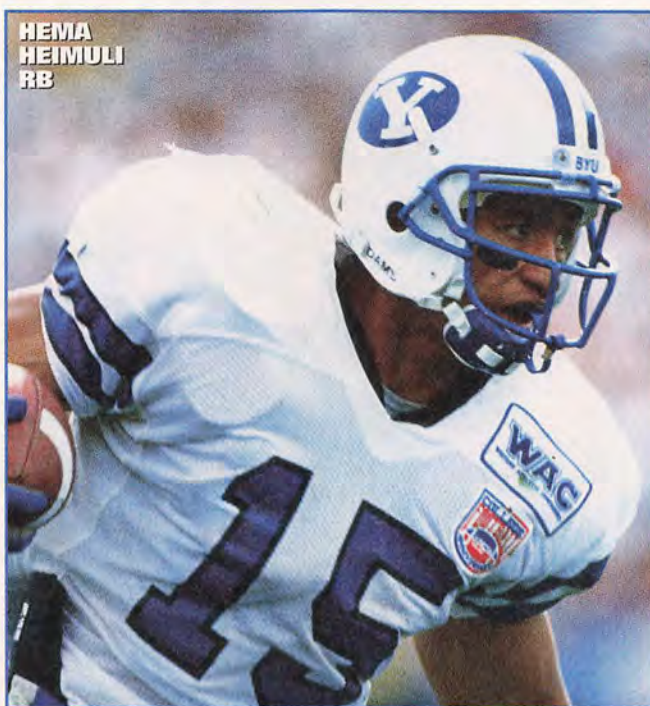
"Those two are as good as any receivers we've had here," Edwards said.

The Cougars are fortunate that fullback Hema Heimuli is returning for his senior season. Heimuli, who scored 10 touchdowns last year, rolled his car six times in a traffic accident but wasn't seriously hurt.

DEFENSE: Hard to believe, given their offensive history, but the Cougars' success in 1995 may depend largely on their defense, perhaps the WAC's best.

Junior Shay Muirbrook, who had six sacks and 102 tackles last season, is one of the best linebackers ever to play in Provo. He will be flanked by fellow returnees Stan Raass and Dennis Simmons.

The defensive line lost two starters to graduation, but they were big losses: All-WAC end Randy Brock and end Travis Hall. So tackle may be the



HEMA
HEIMULI
RB

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Steve Sarkisian (Jr., 6-2, 200)	Brian Vye (Fr., 6-2, 190)
TB: Itula Mili (Jr., 6-3, 240)	Mark Atuaia (Jr., 5-10, 200)
FB: Hema Heimuli (Sr., 6-2, 210)*	Itula Mili (Jr., 6-3, 240)
WR: Mike Johnston (Sr., 5-10, 185)	Tyler Balli (Jr., 6-4, 200)
WR: Kalpo McGuire (Jr., 5-11, 180)	Jason Cooper (Sr., 6-0, 180)
TE: Chad Lewis (Jr., 6-6, 235)*	Tom Baldwin (Sr., 6-8, 235)
LT: James Johnson (Jr., 6-6, 285)*	Matt Cox (So., 6-6, 285)
LG: Will Knight (Sr., 6-8, 340)	Eric Bateman (Fr., 6-7, 270)
C: Morris Unutoa (Sr., 6-2, 275)	Murray Zogg (Jr., 6-2, 270)
RG: Elias Faupala (Sr., 6-3, 285)	Jason Behunin (Jr., 6-5, 330)
RE: Matt Meservey (Sr., 6-5, 305)	Jason Andersen (Jr., 6-6, 295)

DEFENSE

DE: Ed Kehl (Fr., 6-4, 270)	Daren Yancey (Fr., 6-6, 245)
DT: Mike Ulufale (Sr., 6-5, 285)*	Issiah Magalei (Fr., 6-2, 270)
DT: John Raass (Sr., 6-0, 300)*	Larry Harmer (So., 6-4, 280)
DE: Matt Redden (Sr., 6-5, 260)	Ed Lamb (Jr., 6-5, 240)
LB: Stan Raass (Sr., 6-0, 280)*	Spencer Reid (So., 6-1, 240)
LB: Shay Muirbrook (Jr., 6-1, 235)*	Scott Albrecht (Sr., 6-3, 250)
LB: Dennis Simmons (Jr., 6-4, 215)*	Jim Freeland (Sr., 6-5, 225)
CB: Dermie Reed (Sr., 5-9, 175)*	James Humes (Jr., 5-10, 160)
CB: Greg Steele (So., 5-11, 175)	James Huggins (Jr., 5-8, 170)
SS: Jamie Cook (Sr., 5-11, 200)	Jon Pollock (Sr., 6-2, 200)
FS: Jason Walker (Fr., 6-1, 190)	Eddie Sampson (Jr., 6-1, 200)

SPECIAL TEAMS:

K: Bill Hansen (Sr., 6-0, 195)	K: Courtney Smith (Jr., 5-10, 180)
P: Alan Boardman (Jr., 6-0, 190)*	P: John Davis (So., 5-10, 165)

(* denotes returning starter)

Cougars' strength in 1995, with seniors Mike Ulufale (6-5, 285) and John Raass (6-0, 300) plugging the middle.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Junior Alan Boardman was second in the WAC in punting last year with a 41.7-yard average, and, with placekicker David Lauder graduated, Boardman will get an opportunity to win the kicking job.

The Cougars' kickoff- and punt-returning squads were ordinary last season, and their return coverage must also be addressed — a breakdown in the final two minutes cost them the game against archrival Utah last year.

RECRUITING: Sarkisian, who

turned down Kansas State and Fresno State, was the top prize and should have the biggest impact. He's much more mobile than Walsh was. BYU also added four huge junior college offensive linemen — Greg Hoagland (6-4, 280), Charles Jones (6-6, 300), Larry Moore (6-3, 270) and Robert Rogers (6-7, 320) — to protect Sarkisian.

The Cougars are also excited about defensive end Byron Frisch, a 6-6, 260-pounder from Bonita Vista High in Bonita, Calif. who will be given a shot at starting right away.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Cougar Stadium, Provo, Utah, (65,000, grass)

RETURNING STARTERS (10): Offense (3); Defense (6), Specialists (1)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Jamal Willis, RB (1st team All-WAC); Randy Brock, DE (1st-team All-WAC); John Walsh, QB (entered NFL draft)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: None

RUSHING: Hema Heimuli, Sr., 126 carries, 552 yards, 4 TDs

RECEIVING (catches): Heimuli, 40, 6 TDs

RECEIVING (yards): Itula Mili, Jr., 503 yards

TACKLES: Shay Muirbrook, Jr., 102

SACKS: (tie) Muirbrook and Mike Ulufale, Sr., 6 each

INTERCEPTIONS: Muirbrook, Jamie Cook, Sr., 1 each

PUNTING: Alan Boardman, Jr., 41.7 avg.

KICKING: None

SCORING: Heimuli, 62 points (10 TDs, two 2 PTs)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 at Air Force
Sept. 9 UCLA
Sept. 16 SAN DIEGO STATE
Sept. 23 WYOMING
Sept. 30 at Colorado State
Oct. 14 at Arizona State
Oct. 28 HAWAII
Nov. 4 TULSA
Nov. 11 at New Mexico
Nov. 18 UTAH
Nov. 25 at Fresno State

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . at Hawaii; won, 13-12
Sept. 10 . . . at Air Force; won, 45-21
Sept. 17 . . . COLORADO ST.; lost, 28-21
Sept. 24 . . . NEW MEXICO; won, 49-47
Sept. 30 . . . UTAH STATE; won, 34-6
Oct. 8 . . . at Fresno St.; won, 32-30
Oct. 15 . . . at Notre Dame; won, 21-14
Oct. 22 . . . UTEP; won, 34-28
Oct. 29 . . . ARIZONA ST.; lost, 36-15
Nov. 5 . . . NE LOUISIANA; won, 24-10
Nov. 10 . . . SAN DIEGO ST.; won, 35-28
Nov. 19 . . . at Utah; lost, 34-31
Dec. 29 . . . vs. Oklahoma in Copper Bowl; won, 31-6

MILESTONE

• The Cougars will be aiming for their 18th consecutive bowl appearance.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Steve Sarkisian's ability to learn and adapt to BYU's offense.
- ✓ Patching a leaky pass defense with three new starters.
- ✓ Finding four new offensive line men to protect Sarkisian.

COLORADO ST.

RAMS

By CRAIG ELLENPORT

While the head coach who brought them their first WAC title ever was being interviewed by the University of Miami, the folks at Colorado State closed their eyes and kept their fingers crossed that Sonny Lubick would decide to stay in Fort Collins. And he did.

A contract extension didn't hurt. The bottom line is that Lubick is still the Colorado State head coach, and that is more important than any of the returning starters the Rams boast heading into the '95 season.

Lubick has built a very un-WAC-like team, one able to go toe-to-toe with the likes of Arizona last year — on the road, no less — and come away with a win. This year's non-conference toughie is Colorado — the game everyone wanted to see last year. Colorado State will be a big underdog against its in-state rival, but the fact that nobody's writing them off tells you how far the Rams have come.

OFFENSE: The hard-nosed attitude Lubick has instilled actually overshadowed the fact that the offense packed a wallop last year, ranking second in the WAC in scoring (ninth in the nation). The leader of that pack, quarterback Anthony Hill, has departed, leaving a battle for the starting job between Hill's backup, Moses Moreno, and highly rated junior college transfer Daren Wilkinson.

The real strength of the offense could be its depth, both at running back and receiver. Paul Turner (28 catches, 527 yards last year) and Donovan Burks (6-143) can both fly. E.J. Watson will see most of the action at running back, with Van Ward (10 TDs) getting the ball in short yardage.

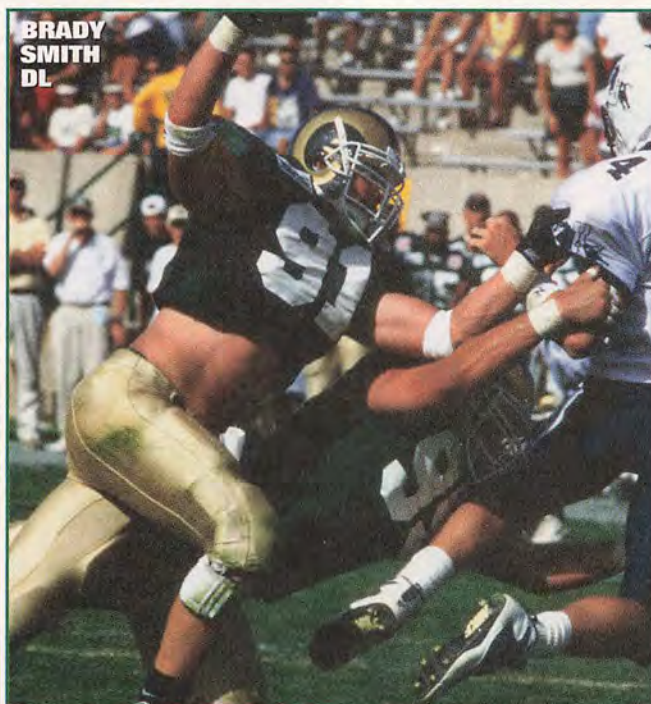
The offensive line is inexperienced, save for center James Cregg and tackle Brandon Evans (Evans missed most of '94 with a knee injury).

DEFENSE: "On paper, we should be decent defensively," said Lubick, whose squad was second in the WAC last year in both total defense and scoring defense. "Our secondary should be good. We lost one all-conference player in [Andre] Strode, but we have everybody else back."

Leading the way is senior safety Greg Myers, a Thorpe Award finalist last year and the first Ram All America since 1978. Senior cornerback Ray Jackson (six interceptions in '94) is another who Lubick identifies as having big-time potential.

Up front, the Rams return four players who saw plenty of action last year. The defensive line is a team strength based solely on the presence of Sean Moran, who Lubick dubbed "probably as good a defensive lineman as there'll be in the league."

The defensive weakness is at linebacker, where several redshirt fresh-



BRADY SMITH
DL

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Moses Moreno (So., 6-2, 180)	Daren Wilkinson (Jr., 6-3, 215)
HB: Terrence Zenno (Jr., 6-1, 188)	Darrell Ballard (So., 6-1, 186)
FB: E.J. Watson (Sr., 5-11, 208)*	Van Ward (Sr., 5-11, 211)
WR: Donovan Burks (Sr., 6-1, 160)	Altie Parker (Fr., 5-10, 165)
WR: Paul Turner (Jr., 5-10, 180)*	Ronald Antoine (Jr., 5-9, 169)
TE: Justin Shull (Jr., 6-2, 260)*	Eli Workman (So., 6-4, 240)
LT: James Cregg (Sr., 6-3, 260)*	Adam Wallace (So., 6-7, 261)
LG: Steve Dundee (So., 6-5, 268)	Josh Dansereau (So., 6-2, 273)
C: Bob Williams (So., 6-2, 291)	Mike Newell (Fr., 6-5, 240)
RG: Todd Peterson (Sr., 6-4, 293)	Anthony Cesario (Fr., 6-5, 270)
RE: Mark Rogowski (Jr., 6-5, 279)*	Brandon Evans (Sr., 6-4, 285)*

DEFENSE

DE: Sean Moran (Sr., 6-3, 254)*	George Schramm (So., 6-3, 226)
DE: Kirk Bowman (Jr., 6-4, 258)*	Tom Speck (Fr., 6-4, 295)
DT: DeVaughn Hawkins (So., 6-1, 276)	Santee Nixon (Fr., 6-4, 285)
DE: Brady Smith (Sr., 6-5, 240)*	Adrian Ross (So., 6-3, 215)
LB: Garrett Sand (Sr., 6-2, 228)*	Jim Deterick (Jr., 6-3, 207)
LB: Karl Ballard (Sr., 6-1, 246)	Derrick Harden (Fr., 6-2, 215)
LB: Derrick Roth (Sr., 6-2, 220)	Willie Taylor (Fr., 6-1, 195)
CB: Mack Craft (Sr., 5-10, 183)	Brady Schneider (So., 5-9, 189)
CB: Ray Jackson (Sr., 5-10, 190)*	Bryon Gallien (So., 5-9, 180)
SS: Steve Standifer (Jr., 5-11, 179)	Prentice Davis (Sr., 5-10, 192)
FS: Greg Myers (Sr., 6-2, 193)*	Myron Terry (Fr., 6-2, 185)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Matt McDougal (Jr., 5-10, 169)*	Derek Franz (Fr., 6-2, 190)
P: Matt McDougal (Jr., 5-10, 169)*	George Schramm (So., 6-3, 226)

(* denotes returning starter)

men will get a close look.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Junior Matt McDougal handled punting and some of the placekicking for the Rams last year, but his return is not necessarily a blessing. He averaged a decent 39 yards per punt last year, but sophomore George Schramm may give him a run for the starting job. McDougal is an accurate kicker, but he lacks leg strength, which hurts when the Rams kick off.

The return game is solid with Myers, one of the best punt returners in the nation last year. Speedy receiver Altie Parker will return kickoffs.

RECRUITING: Lubick insists his

courtship with Miami did not affect Colorado State's recruiting. "The weekend I was going out for my interview, we had 18 kids in here," Lubick said. "And I told everyone that I didn't know if I'd be here or not. And three of our top kids committed to us that week."

Some consider the Rams' class among the top two in the WAC. Along with Wilkinson, the Rams are pretty excited about prep star Jeramie Thomas, a champion hurdler who Lubick says is "as fast a guy as we've had here."

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COACH: SONNY LUBICK, 3RD YEAR, 15-8;

36-27 OVERALL

'94 RECORD: 10-2 (7-1 CONF.)

FINAL RANKINGS: NO. 16 AP, NO. 14

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Hughes Stadium, Fort Collins, Colo. (30,000, artificial)
RETURNING STARTERS (14): Offense (6); Defense (6); Specialists (2)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Pat Meyer, OT (1st-team All-WAC); Kenya Ragsdale, LB (1st-team All-WAC); Andre Strode, DB (1st-team All-WAC); Jeremy Burkett, WR (2nd-team All-WAC); Anthony Hill, QB (2nd-team All-WAC); Steve Hodge, DL (2nd-team All-WAC)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Moses Moreno, So., 8-20-72 yards, 1 INT
RUSHING: E.J. Watson, Sr., 160 carries, 665 yards, 9 TDs
RECEIVING (catches): Paul Turner, Jr., 28, 3 TDs
RECEIVING (yards): Turner, 527 yards
TACKLES: Garrett Sand, Sr., 95
SACKS: Brady Smith, Sr., 9
INTERCEPTIONS: Raymond Jackson, Sr., 6
PUNTING: Matt McDougal, Jr., 39.0 avg.
KICKING: McDougal, 2-3 FGs (long 45), 14-15 PATs
SCORING: Van Ward, Sr., 60 points (10 TDs)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . MONTANA STATE
 Sept. 9 . . . at Colorado
 Sept. 16 . . . at Air Force
 Sept. 30 . . . BYU
 Oct. 7 . . . at Utah State
 Oct. 14 . . . at Utah
 Oct. 21 . . . NEW MEXICO
 Oct. 28 . . . at Wyoming
 Nov. 4 . . . UTEP
 Nov. 11 . . . HAWAII
 Nov. 25 . . . at San Diego State

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . at Air Force; won, 34-21
 Sept. 10 . . . UTAH STATE; won, 41-16
 Sept. 17 . . . at BYU; won, 28-21
 Sept. 24 . . . SAN DIEGO ST.; won, 19-17
 Oct. 1 . . . at New Mexico; won, 38-31
 Oct. 8 . . . at Arizona; won, 21-16
 Oct. 15 . . . UTEP; won, 47-9
 Oct. 22 . . . UTAH; lost, 45-31
 Nov. 5 . . . WYOMING; won, 35-24
 Nov. 12 . . . ARKANSAS ST.; won, 48-3
 Nov. 19 . . . at Fresno St.; won, 44-42
 Dec. 30 . . . vs. Michigan in Holiday Bowl; lost, 24-14

MILESTONE

■ DB Greg Myers could become the first two-time All America in school history.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Finding a new starting QB.
- ✓ Development of redshirt freshmen on offensive line and at linebacker.
- ✓ Young players avoiding letdown after winning WAC title last year.

By LARRY BORTSTEIN

In Ted Tollner's return to college coaching, the Aztecs moved the ball well at times, finding Wayne Pittman to replace three-time All-America tailback Marshall Faulk.

But defense, as usual, was a problem. Though the Aztecs held eventual WAC champion Colorado State to its lowest output (19 points) of the regular season, for the seventh time in the last eight seasons San Diego State allowed opponents an average of more than 30 points a game.

"You can't win many games like that," said Tollner, who believes he has taken a big step toward solving the problem by bringing in former Aztec head coach Claude Gilbert as the new defensive coordinator. During Gilbert's eight-year stint as San Diego State's head coach, Tollner was his offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

Pittman, who was Faulk's back-up for three years before finally getting the chance to shine with 1,136 yards in 1994, has departed, leaving a big hole at tailback. Local product Markeith Ross — from nearby Oceanside — who made a spectacular debut at Weber State two years, was considered a prime candidate to move in at tailback this season. But an arrest for armed robbery late last year has left his status in limbo.

OFFENSE: When two-year senior starter Tim Gutierrez went down with an injury, then-sophomore Billy Blanton stepped in at quarterback and showed increasing poise and leadership the second half of the 1994 season. Senior Ken Overby, a transfer from Colorado who played sparingly last fall, and George Jones, who set a national junior college record with 34 touchdowns at Bakersfield College in '94, could vie for the starting job at tailback in Tollner's multiple-offense scheme.

The Aztecs lose leading receiver Curtis Shearer, but Will Blackwell, the other wideout, was the WAC Freshman of the Year. The line is anchored by Chris Finch, a 6-foot-6, 285-pound senior tackle who has started every game of his Aztec career. He was a second-team All-WAC performer last year.

DEFENSE: Gilbert, 62, who coached an Albuquerque (N.M.) high school team last year, has some material to work with in restoring the often-riddled San Diego State defense.

He can start with two returning All-WAC players: defensive tackle La'Roi Glover and free safety Ricky Parker. Glover is a 275-pound senior who made 51 tackles and five sacks last season. Parker (97 tackles) was the first Aztec sophomore defender ever named to the All-WAC first team.

Junior weakside linebacker Craigus Thompson (team-high 101 tackles) also returns, along with up-and-coming linebacker Darcel



PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Billy Blanton (Jr., 6-0, 190)*	Kevin McKechnie (So., 6-3, 195)
RB: Dayna Overton (So., 6-1, 200)	Justin Watson (So., 6-1, 220)
RB: DeAndre Maxwell (Sr., 6-2, 205)	Ray Peterson (Sr., 5-8, 165)*
WR: Will Blackwell (So., 6-0, 180)*	Leandrew Childs (Jr., 5-9, 170)
WR: Az Hakim (So., 5-10, 168)	Daryl Hawkins (Sr., 5-10, 170)
TE: Zach Smith (Sr., 6-4, 240)*	Obafemi Ayanbadejo (Jr., 6-3, 225)
OT: Ephraim Salaam (So., 6-7, 225)	Jon Brown (Jr., 6-4, 265)
OG: Dan Nilsen (So., 6-5, 285)	Robert Whitman (So., 6-2, 290)
C: Eric Peterson (Sr., 6-2, 265)*	Bill Van Raaphorst (Fr., 6-4, 265)
OG: Chris Finch (Sr., 6-5, 285)*	Donald Fluegge (Jr., 6-3, 285)
OT: Kyle Turley (So., 6-6, 285)*	Adam Norberg (Sr., 6-3, 270)

DEFENSE

DE: Roger Blake (Sr., 6-4, 265)*	Charles Gatlin (So., 6-4, 245)
DE: La'Roi Glover (Sr., 6-2, 280)*	Zach Peterson (Sr., 6-3, 245)
DT: Doug Tom (Sr., 6-4, 260)*	Jeff Sardell (Sr., 6-1, 260)
DE: Avo Avetisyan (Sr., 6-3, 260)	Adrian Iola (Jr., 6-3, 260)*
LB: Craigus Thompson (Jr., 6-1, 215)*	Danny Henry (Sr., 5-11, 225)
LB: Aaron Pruitt (Sr., 5-9, 225)	Joseph Tuipala (Fr., 6-1, 235)
LB: Darcel Glover (Jr., 6-2, 230)	Sam Lawanson (Jr., 6-0, 225)
CB: Tyron Wright (Sr., 6-0, 185)	Steve Robinson (So., 6-0, 180)
CB: Jason Moore (So., 6-0, 180)*	Craig Weems (Sr., 5-9, 180)
SS: Julius McChristian (So., 5-10, 190)*	John McCartney (Sr., 6-0, 202)
FS: Ricky Parker (Jr., 6-1, 200)*	Craig Crosby (Sr., 5-11, 190)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Peter Holt (Jr., 5-10, 170)*	K: Noel Prefontaine (Jr., 5-10, 200)
P: Noel Prefontaine (Jr., 5-10, 200)	P: Peter Holt (Jr., 5-10, 170)*

(* denotes returning starter)

Glover, La'Roi's older brother.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Ray Peterson led the WAC in punt return average with 15.8 yards per return last season, including a 70-yarder against Navy. He also caught 27 passes from scrimmage for 327 yards.

In his two seasons at San Diego State, junior placekicker Peter Holt has missed only one of his 73 extra-point attempts. But after making good on 16 of his 23 field-goal tries as a freshman, he slipped last season to 6 of 14 in '94 and missed a late try which would have given the Aztecs a huge upset win over Colorado State.

RECRUITING: Michael Malano, a 280-pound offensive tackle from

Scottsdale, Ariz., could make an early impact. Playing for the team which won the state's 5-A high school title, Malano won the Frank Kush Award as Arizona's top prep offensive lineman. Andrew Kline, a 278-pounder from Beverly Hills High, is another big lineman joining the San Diego State offense.

Tailback John Clayton, who was Malano's teammate in high school, is also coming to San Diego State. A 5-8, 185-pounder, he ran for 3,581 yards as a prep, averaging 9.1 yards per carry.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Jack Murphy Stadium, San Diego, Calif. (60,049, grass)

RETURNING STARTERS (16): Offense (7); Defense (8); Specialist (1)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Curtis Shearer, WR (2nd-team All-WAC); Chris Finch, OL (2nd-team All-WAC); Wayne Pittman, RB (2nd-team All-WAC)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Billy Blanton, Jr., 112-178-1586 yards, 15 TDs, 6 INTs

RUSHING: Ray Peterson, Sr., 7 carries, 37 yards

RECEIVING (catches): Will Blackwell, So., 51, 6 TDs

RECEIVING (yards): Blackwell, 689

TACKLES: Craigus Thompson, Jr., 101

SACKS: La'Roi Glover, Sr., 5

INTERCEPTIONS: Thompson, 2

PUNTING: None

KICKING: Peter Holt, Jr., 6-14 FGs

(long 32), 32-32 PATs

SCORING: Holt, 50 points

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	. CALIFORNIA
Sept. 9	. at Oklahoma
Sept. 16	. at BYU
Sept. 28	. NEVADA
Oct. 7	. at Utah
Oct. 14	. FRESNO ST.
Oct. 21	. SAN JOSE ST.
Oct. 28	. at UTEP
Nov. 4	. NEW MEXICO
Nov. 11	. WYOMING
Nov. 18	. at Hawaii
Nov. 25	. COLORADO ST.

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3	. NAVY; won, 56-14
Sept. 10	. CALIFORNIA; won, 22-20
Sept. 17	. at Minnesota; lost, 40-17
Sept. 24	. at Colorado St.; lost, 19-17
Oct. 1	. AIR FORCE; lost, 36-35
Oct. 8	. UTAH; lost, 38-22
Oct. 15	. at New Mexico; won, 20-13
Oct. 22	. at Wyoming; lost, 52-32
Oct. 29	. HAWAII; won, 38-23
Nov. 10	. at BYU; lost, 35-28
Nov. 26	. FRESNO ST.; lost, 49-42

MILESTONES

- TB Wayne Pittman was third in the WAC in rushing (103.3 ypg) and tied for second in scoring (78 points).
- San Diego State was second in the WAC and sixth in the nation in passing offense (294.9 ypg).
- Ray Peterson was third in the nation in punt returns (15.8 ypr).
- San Diego State was fifth nationally in punt returns (13.3 ypr).

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Big improvement in defense.
- ✓ Continued development of Billy Blanton.
- ✓ Find another 1,000-yard running back to replace Wayne Pittman.

By ANDY KATZ

They have begun to talk about the hunger. The drive. The desire. Air Force finished up last season with six straight WAC victories, winning eight of their last nine games. The only loss was at Notre Dame.

What did it do for the Falcons? Nothing but build more pride. The Falcons might have been picked to finish ninth in the WAC, but they ended up in a three-way tie for second with bowl participants Brigham Young and Utah. The Falcons were not selected for a bowl.

"I just hope we can get higher than last year, but a lot of things have to fall into place," Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry said.

Air Force, which returns most of its skill position players and a few players on both sides of the line, will know before October arrives whether it will be a factor in the WAC race. The Falcons open up with three straight home games against WAC rivals BYU, Wyoming and Colorado State.

"We've got to get ready from the get-go," DeBerry said. "Most schools open with non-conference games, but if we want to continue to play Notre Dame, Navy and Army, we have to play league games early. We're very much aware of the fact that we needed an excellent spring practice and to stay healthy early."

OFFENSE: Quarterback Preston McConnell is gone, but before you count out the Falcons' limited passing game, check who was really the No. 1 starter last season. Junior Beau Morgan could be described as a returning starter. He played in 12 games to McConnell's 11. He threw for 873 yards to McConnell's 690, and he completed 41 passes to McConnell's 39.

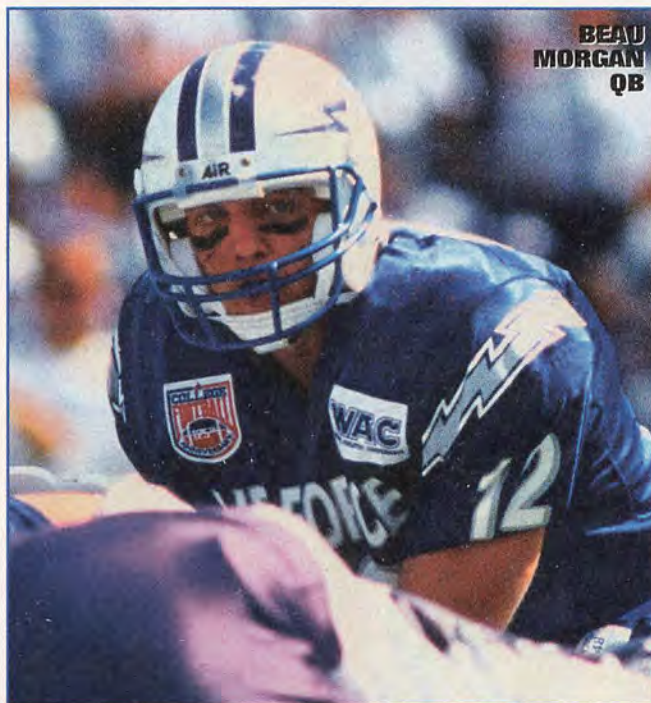
The Falcons need Morgan to have a decent year throwing the ball to balance out their offensive attack. The Falcons were last in the WAC in passing offense and 96th in the nation (130.3 yards per game). The Falcons' rushing offense, however, was No. 1 in the WAC and No. 2 in the nation (304.8 ypg).

Senior Jake Campbell (57.4 ypg), junior Nakia Addison (47.1) and Morgan (50) all return to lead the Falcons' potent ground attack.

All three tight ends are back: Kevin Hetrick, Alex Pupich and Matt Brooks. All are good blocking tight ends, a necessity in the option offense.

DEFENSE: The Falcons return only four defensive starters from a team which was third in the WAC in total defense, second in rushing defense and fourth in passing defense.

The strength is in the secondary where the Falcons return both LeRon Hudgins and Kelvin King. There is talk of moving King to



BEAU MORGAN
QB

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Beau Morgan (Jr., 5-11, 187)*	Tom Brown (Jr., 5-10, 165)
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RB: Danta Johnson (Sr., 5-11, 179)	Marc Ranger (Jr., 5-11, 170)
WR: Richie Marsh (Sr., 6-2, 180)*	Craig Hancock (Sr., 6-0, 190)
WR: Nakia Addison (Jr., 5-8, 195)	Craig Tanner (Jr., 5-10, 228)
TE: Alex Pupich (Jr., 6-3, 232)*	Steve Hendricks (Sr., 6-4, 225)
LE: Gerard Hahn (Sr., 6-2, 245)	John Sapp (Sr., 6-4, 259)
LB: Carlton Hendrix (Jr., 6-3, 251)*	Rick Dwyer (Jr., 6-3, 248)
C: Adam Edwards (Sr., 6-2, 234)	Mike Zeman (Jr., 6-1, 246)
RG: Bret Cillessen (Sr., 6-1, 252)*	Brad Hutt (So., 6-3, 240)
RT: Dan Palmer (Sr., 6-4, 265)	Brad Hall (Sr., 6-3, 245)

DEFENSE

DE: Bobby Holloway (Sr., 6-3, 266)	Ron Jenkins (So., 6-3, 237)
NG: Chris Schweighardt (Jr., 5-11, 240)	Joe Suhajda (Jr., 6-3, 245)
DE: Jamie Maunz (Jr., 6-4, 260)	Cameron Curry (Jr., 6-5, 240)
LB: Mark DeRock (Sr., 6-2, 250)*	Johnny Vargas (Sr., 6-2, 220)
LB: Steve Fernandez (So., 6-1, 225)	Jason Lamb (Jr., 6-4, 223)
LB: Chris Gizzi (Sr., 6-0, 223)	Lee Guthrie (Jr., 6-1, 223)
LB: Brian McCray (Sr., 6-0, 221)*	Melvin Whitley (So., 5-11, 185)
CB: Kelvin King (Sr., 6-0, 172)*	Frank Staine-Payne (So., 6-0, 175)
CB: Mickey Dalton (Jr., 5-7, 180)	Jamie Rhone (So., 5-10, 165)
SS: Sam Ransom (Sr., 6-2, 200)	Brian Mulloy (Jr., 6-1, 191)
FS: LeRon Hudgins (Sr., 6-1, 205)*	Brandt House (Jr., 5-9, 188)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Randy Roberts (Sr., 6-0, 201)*	Kurt Kremser (Sr., 6-3, 202)
P: Steve Carr (Sr., 6-5, 225)*	Kurt Kremser (Sr., 6-3, 202)

(* denotes returning starter)

strong corner. Six other players are vying for the other two defensive back spots.

Chris Schweighardt, James Maunz and Bobby Holloway should start on the defensive line, allowing former starting nose guard Mark DeRock to move to linebacker.

Both inside linebackers are gone. However, DeBerry believes Chris Gizzi will step right in and become one of the better linebackers at the Academy. At outside linebacker, DeBerry is banking on returning starter Brian McCray being an All-WAC player.

SPECIAL TEAMS: The Falcons should have one of the strongest

special teams in the WAC. Air Force returns honorable mention All-WAC punter Steve Carr and honorable mention kicker Randy Roberts. Carr was third in the WAC in punting with a 41.7-yard average. All-WAC return specialist King was third in the WAC in punt returns with a 9.4-yard average.

RECRUITING: Due to the Academy appointment process, the Academy doesn't release names of incoming athletes until July. There could be one or two freshmen who could contribute immediately.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Falcon Stadium, Colorado Springs, Colo. (50,126, grass)
RETURNING STARTERS (12): Offense (6); Defense (4); Specialists (2)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Johnny Harrison, LB (1st-team All-WAC); Erik Davis, DL (2nd-team All-WAC); Steve Russ, LB (2nd-team All-WAC); Brian Watkins, DB (2nd-team All-WAC)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Beau Morgan, Jr., 41-89-873 yards, 5 TDs, 2 INTs
RUSHING: Jake Campbell, Sr. 110 carries, 689 yards, 10 TDs
RECEIVING (catches): Richie Marsh, Sr., 21
RECEIVING (yards): Craig Hancock, Sr., 310 yards
TACKLES: Kelvin King, Sr., 76
SACKS: Bobby Holloway, Sr., 4
INTERCEPTIONS: King, 4
PUNTING: Steve Carr, Sr., 41.7 avg.
KICKING: Randy Roberts, Sr., 13-22 FGs (long 45), 37-41 PATs
SCORING: Campbell, 80 points (13 TDs, 1 2 PT)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . BYU
Sept. 9 . . . WYOMING
Sept. 16 . . . COLORADO STATE
Sept. 23 . . . at Northwestern
Sept. 30 . . . at New Mexico
Oct. 7 . . . UTEP
Oct. 14 . . . at Navy
Oct. 21 . . . at Utah
Oct. 28 . . . at Fresno State
Nov. 11 . . . ARMY
Nov. 18 . . . NOTRE DAME
Nov. 25 . . . at Hawaii

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . COLORADO ST.; lost, 34-21
Sept. 10 . . . BYU; lost, 45-21
Sept. 17 . . . N. WESTERN; lost, 14-10
Sept. 24 . . . vs. UTEP*; won, 47-7
Oct. 1 . . . at San Diego St.; won, 36-35
Oct. 8 . . . NAVY; won, 43-21
Oct. 22 . . . FRESNO ST.; won, 42-7
Oct. 29 . . . at Wyoming; won, 34-17
Nov. 5 . . . at Army; won, 10-6
Nov. 12 . . . UTAH; won, 40-33
Nov. 19 . . . at Notre Dame; lost, 42-30
Dec. 3 . . . at Hawaii; won, 37-24
*at San Antonio

MILESTONE

■ Air Force has either won outright or tied for the Commander in Chief's Trophy for five straight years.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Must get off to a good start, unlike last season.
- ✓ Must continue to improve their ability to throw the ball.
- ✓ Need to maintain turnover margin, which was eighth-best in the nation last season.

By CRAIG ELLENPORT

You can learn more about Wyoming's 1994 season from looking at two of its losses rather than any of its six victories. The Cowboys lost to WAC champion Colorado State 35-24, but not before taking a 24-7 lead late into the third quarter. And nobody in the nation played Nebraska any closer: Wyoming led Nebraska for a good part of its game in Lincoln and trailed by just three points in the fourth quarter.

The talent was there for Wyoming, just not the depth or the experience.

"We had 14 kids get hurt against Nebraska," said head coach Joe Tiller. "So we're glad they're not on the schedule again."

With some of Wyoming's younger players back in the fold, the Cowboys could be ready to make a run at the WAC crown. They must replace the No. 10 rusher in the nation from a year ago, Ryan Christopherson, as well as their starting quarterback, but replacements are lined up. And in addition to not having Nebraska on the schedule, Wyoming gets WAC powers Colorado State and Utah at home this season.

OFFENSE: Christopherson, who left Wyoming as the school's all-time leading rusher, accounted for nearly 25 percent of the team's offense in 1994, which makes it all the more impressive that Tiller doesn't appear too concerned about replacing him with junior college transfer Jermaine McDowell.

"He's substantially faster than Christopherson," Tiller said.

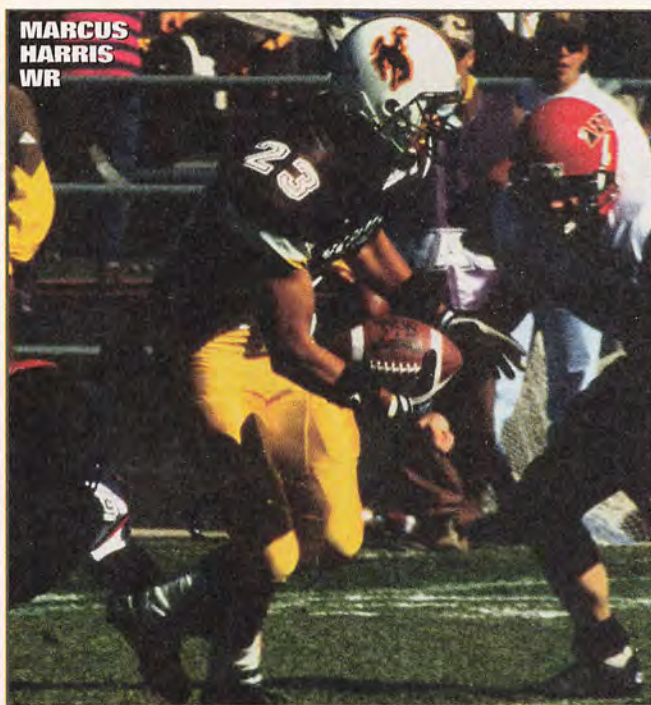
If McDowell solidifies the running game, we're talking about an offensive juggernaut. The new quarterback is Josh Wallwork, a JUCO transfer who had been handed the starting job last year before being redshirted. The coaches like Wallwork, and Wallwork will love his receivers. Marcus Harris caught 71 passes as a sophomore last year and led the nation with 1,431 yards. He and senior Brent Tillman (56 catches, 886 yards) form one of the top receiving duos in the nation.

The front line returns four starters, and Tiller calls it the biggest front five in Wyoming history.

DEFENSE: The Cowboys didn't rank higher than 52nd in the nation in any major defensive category last year (including 80th in scoring defense).

The strength is at linebacker, where three starters return, including senior Jason Holanda. The secondary could go from a weakness to a strength, simply based on numbers. Free safety Lee Vaughn was an honorable mention All-WAC player as a sophomore last year.

Defensive line is the weak link of the defense, unless Tiller can find some help for senior defensive end Joe Cummings, who made the



PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Josh Wallwork (Jr., 6-3, 207)	Jeremy Dombek (So., 6-3, 227)
RB: J.P. Williams (Fr., 5-9, 170)	David Saraf (Jr., 5-11, 170)
RB: Jermaine McDowell (Jr., 5-11, 192)	Josh Amundson (Fr., 6-1, 203)
WR: Marcus Harris (Jr., 6-2, 207)*	Vic Elliot (Jr., 5-11, 181)
WR: Brent Tillman (Sr., 6-0, 195)*	Richard Peace (Jr., 6-0, 189)
TE: Jeremy Gilstrap (Sr., 6-2, 245)*	Greg Kuhn (Jr., 6-2, 251)
LE: Jason Bartlett (Sr., 6-6, 311)*	Rob Bohlinger (So., 6-8, 272)
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DEFENSE

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DE: Brent Lee (Jr., 6-6, 263)	Mike Graham (So., 6-2, 265)
DE: Pat Larson (Jr., 6-6, 281)	Monti Perry (Jr., 6-2, 275)
DE: Ken Boris (Sr., 6-4, 250)	Mark Brook (Sr., 6-5, 229)*
LB: Jason Holanda (Sr., 6-3, 213)*	Chuck Polson (Sr., 6-0, 211)*
LB: Jim Talich (So., 6-1, 224)*	Randy Karlner (Sr., 6-1, 235)
LB: Jay Jenkins (Jr., 6-1, 224)	Micah Christensen (So., 6-1, 218)
CB: Waymon Livingston (Jr., 5-9, 167)	Je'Ney Jackson (So., 5-8, 176)
CB: Lee Vaughn (Jr., 5-11, 174)*	Jabulani Smith-Freeman (Fr., 5-9, 159)
SS: Brian Lee (So., 6-1, 182)	Erik Noland (Sr., 6-0, 190)
FS: Greg Van Leer (So., 5-10, 185)*	Aaron Wilson (Sr., 6-1, 207)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Cory Wedel (So., 5-9, 174)*	Taylor Sorenson (Sr., 5-9, 176)
P: Brian Gragert (Sr., 6-1, 228)*	Larry Demshar (So., 6-1, 177)

(* denotes returning starter)

switch from linebacker in '94 and had four sacks.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Besides Harris and Christopherson, Wyoming's only other first-team All-WAC player last year was punter Brian Gragert, who averaged 41.9 yards per punt last year. Gragert's back, and hopefully he'll have better protection — Wyoming had four punts blocked last year. At place-kicker, Cory Wedel took over in midseason last year for Taylor Sorenson and was 6 of 6 in field-goal tries (including a 49-yarder). Wedel and Sorenson give the Cowboys strength there.

RECRUITING: If McDowell

becomes the running back Tiller hopes he can be, then this class already has made a huge contribution. Another of Wyoming's six junior college recruits, California's John Davis, may even push for playing time at quarterback.

The Cowboys signed three offensive linemen from Chicago, two of whom already tip the scales at more than 300 pounds. Tiller calls Marques Brigham "the best running back we've gotten from Colorado since Gerald Abraham (1,305 yards for Wyoming in 1987)."

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: War Memorial Stadium (33,500, grass)

RETURNING STARTERS (16): Offense (7), Defense (7); Specialists (2)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Ryan Christopherson, RB (1st-team All-WAC); John Burrough, DE (2nd-team All-WAC); John Gustin, QB; Brent Schieffer, DE

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Jeremy Dombek, So., 43-99-566 yards, 3 TDs, 5 INTs

RUSHING: Donovan McComb, So., 13 carries, 80 yards

RECEIVING (catches): Marcus Harris, Jr., 71, 11 TDs

RECEIVING (yards): Harris, 1,431 yards

TACKLES: Jim Talich, So., 78

SACKS: Joe Cummings, Sr., 4

INTERCEPTIONS: Greg Van Leer, So., 2

PUNTING: Brian Gragert, Sr., 41.9 avg.

KICKING: Cory Wedel, So., 6-6 FGs

(long 49), 14-15 PATs

SCORING: Harris, 66 points (11 TDs)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . OKLAHOMA STATE

Sept. 9 . . . at Air Force

Sept. 16 . . . HAWAII

Sept. 23 . . . at BYU

Oct. 7 . . . at Tulsa

Oct. 14 . . . LOUISVILLE

Oct. 21 . . . at UTEP

Oct. 28 . . . COLORADO STATE

Nov. 4 . . . UTAH

Nov. 11 . . . at San Diego State

Nov. 18 . . . FRESNO STATE

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . UTEP; won, 36-13

Sept. 10 . . . at Oregon St.; lost, 44-31

Sept. 17 . . . TULSA; won, 17-7

Sept. 24 . . . at Utah; lost, 41-7

Oct. 1 . . . at Nebraska; lost, 42-32

Oct. 8 . . . NE LOUISIANA; won, 28-14

Oct. 15 . . . at Fresno St.; lost, 38-24

Oct. 22 . . . SAN DIEGO ST.; won, 52-35

Oct. 29 . . . AIR FORCE; lost, 34-17

Nov. 5 . . . at Colo. St.; lost, 35-24

Nov. 12 . . . NEW MEXICO; won, 38-28

Nov. 19 . . . at Hawaii; won, 13-10

MILESTONES

■ WR Marcus Harris led the nation in receiving yards per game (119.3) last season.

■ Harris was 10th in the nation in receptions (71).

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Jermaine McDowell's ability to fill Ryan Christopherson's shoes at running back.
- ✓ Avoiding fourth-quarter letdowns against tough opponents.
- ✓ Finding help on defensive line and overall depth on defense.

By PHIL MILLER

College football is a lot like building sand castles: You invest huge amounts of time building a formidable structure, only to watch a wave (of graduation) knock it over.

By that analogy, Ron McBride was hit by a tsunami over the winter.

Utah's head coach spent five seasons steadily turning the long-inept Utes into a winner, and last season's squad was his masterpiece: an 8-0 start; a 10-2 season; one of the nation's stingiest defenses; a Top 10 ranking; and Utah's first bowl victory in 30 years. By any measure, 1994 was the greatest season in Utah football history.

Now, McBride starts over.

Of the 22 starters in Utah's 16-13 Freedom Bowl victory over Arizona, only eight return. All seven of Utah's all-conference players have graduated, along with a trio of second-teamers. To make matters worse, both of McBride's coordinators moved on — one (offensive coordinator Rick Rasnick) to become Eastern Michigan's head coach, the other (defensive coordinator Fred Whittingham) to become an assistant with the NFL's Los Angeles Raiders.

"It's a challenge — we have a lot of work to do," McBride said. "But there's a lot of guys with talent who could've played last year if we didn't have all the seniors. We don't lack strength or ability, just experience."

OFFENSE: Henry Lusk broke his right shoulder blade in a scrimmage last fall and feared his career was over. But the NCAA granted Utah's most talented offensive star a rare sixth year of eligibility, which will benefit the Utes immensely this year.

Lusk has played as a receiver, tight end and fullback, catching 86 passes. He'll lend experience and leadership to a squad lacking both.

"It's a huge plus for us," McBride said. "I can't think of anyone who could help more."

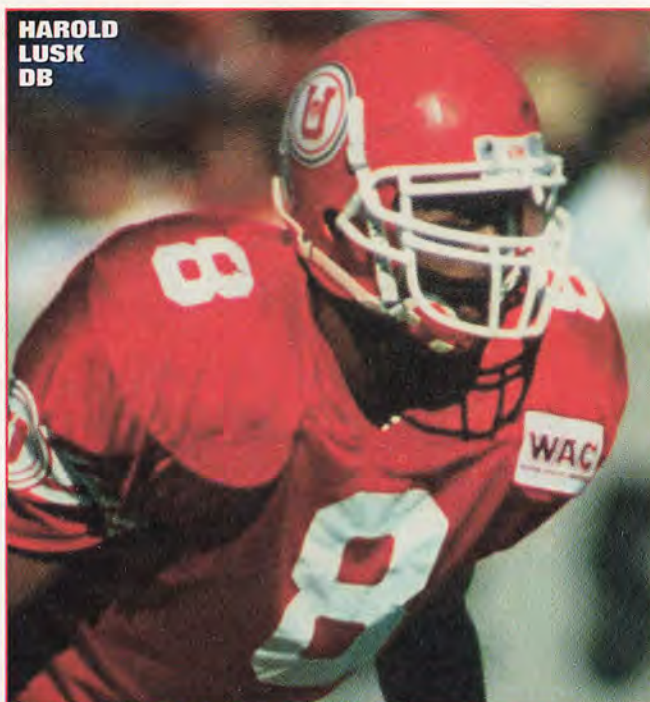
Well, a quarterback would help. Mike McCoy is gone, and his backups threw exactly six passes in two seasons. Juniors Brandon Jones and Mike Fouts and Ryan Shea are McBride's only options, but he professes confidence.

"They're better than anybody we could have brought in," McBride said.

DEFENSE: Last year's squad set the standard by leading the WAC in every defensive category. This year's defense has just as great a burden.

"The defense will have to carry us for a few games until the offense comes together," McBride said.

Despite the loss of tackle Luther Elliss, Utah's first consensus All-America in three decades, the line remains solid. Three returnees — tackle Henry Kaufusi and ends Jeff



HAROLD LUSK DB

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Mike Fouts (Jr., 5-11, 170)	Brandon Jones (Jr., 6-3, 209)
FB: Rob Hamilton (Sr., 6-2, 222)	Chris Ma'afala (Fr., 6-0, 250)
RB: Juan Johnson (So., 6-1, 204)	Omar Bacon (Fr., 6-1, 190)
WR: Kevin Dyson (So., 6-1, 188)	Terence Keenan (Jr., 6-3, 205)
WR: Henry Lusk (Sr., 6-1, 228)*	Johnny Converse (Fr., 6-2, 220)
TE: Rick Tucker (Sr., 6-2, 248)*	Chris Jahries (So., 6-4, 237)
LE: Chad Ventriglia (Sr., 6-4, 281)	Villi Fonua (Jr., 6-4, 285)
LG: Todd Jackson (Fr., 6-3, 294)	Josh Cochran (Fr., 6-5, 281)
C: Chad Folk (Jr., 6-0, 280)	Darren Walker (Fr., 6-3, 265)
RG: Barry Sims (Jr., 6-5, 280)	Danny Davis (So., 6-4, 275)
RT: Chris Rae (Sr., 6-3, 282)*	Jay Link (So., 6-7, 282)

DEFENSE

DE: Jeff Kaufusi (Sr., 6-6, 255)*	Mike Baulkman (Jr., 6-3, 260)
DE: Toele Fa'amoe (Sr., 6-1, 292)	Pene Talamaiava (So., 6-4, 293)
DE: Henry Kaufusi (Sr., 6-2, 270)*	Vince Tauanuu (Jr., 6-3, 290)
DE: Nate Kia (Jr., 6-2, 250)	Chad Kauhaahaa (Jr., 6-2, 253)
LB: Chris Godfrey (So., 6-1, 227)	Kautai Oleava (Fr., 6-2, 240)
LB: Jason Hooks (So., 6-2, 251)	Jacinto Peterson (Jr., 6-1, 230)
LB: Mark Livingston (Jr., 6-1, 210)	Dave Cunningham (Jr., 5-11, 229)
CB: Clarence Lawson (So., 5-8, 175)	Jimmy Nolan (Jr., 5-11, 180)
CB: Calbert Beck (So., 5-9, 182)	Artis Jackson (Jr., 6-0, 180)
SS: Brandon Dart (So., 6-0, 197)	Jeff Kirkman (Sr., 6-2, 222)*
FS: Harold Lusk (Jr., 6-0, 194)*	Marc Meritt (So., 5-11, 162)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Dan Pulsipher (Jr., 6-1, 175)*	Jeff Kirkman (Sr., 6-2, 222)
P: Terence Keenan (Jr., 6-3, 205)	Kevin Dyson (So., 6-1, 188)

(* denotes returning starter)

Kaufusi and Nate Kia — have extensive experience.

They're about the only ones, though. Only senior nickelback Jeff Kirkman and junior safety Harold Lusk (four interceptions last year) have started much, and Kirkman has been plagued by injuries throughout his career.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Nobody knows the value of a good kick returner more than the Utes. They trailed late in the fourth quarter in their last two games of 1994, but both were miraculously transformed into victories by speedster Cal Beck. His 67-yard kickoff return set up the game-winning score against BYU,

and his 72-yard return turned around Utah's Freedom Bowl fortunes.

Junior placekicker Dan Pulsipher was 48 for 48 on extra-point attempts.

RECRUITING: Utah had surprising success by stealing recruits from their hometown schools. Tailback Omar Bacon of Tucson, Ariz., was pursued strongly by Arizona but chose the Utes instead. Similarly, fullback Chris Ma'afala of Honolulu picked Utah over the Hawaii Rainbows. Together, the two gained 2,471 yards and 33 touchdowns last season.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Rice Stadium, Salt Lake City, Utah (32,500, artificial)
RETURNING STARTERS (8): Offense (3); Defense (4); Specialists (1)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Luther Elliss, DT (1st-team All America); Anthony Brown, OT (3rd-team All America); Curtis Marsh, WR (1st-team All WAC); Lance Scott, C (1st-team All WAC); Kareem Leary, DB (1st-team All-WAC); Ernest Boyd, DB (1st-team All-WAC); Deron Clairborne, WR (2nd-team All-WAC); Mike McCoy, QB (2nd-team All-WAC); Bronzell Miller, DL (2nd-team All-WAC)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Brandon Jones, Jr., 2-6-26 yards

RUSHING: Juan Johnson, So., 61 carries, 311 yards, 5 TDs

RECEIVING (catches): Kevin Dyson, So., 24, 2 TDs

RECEIVING (yards): Dyson, 339

TACKLES: Harold Lusk, Jr., 69

SACKS: Henry Kaufusi, Sr., 5

INTERCEPTIONS: Lusk, 4

PUNTING: none

KICKING: Dan Pulsipher, Jr., 8-16

FGs (long 48); 48-48 PATs

SCORING: Pulsipher, 72 points

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . OREGON

Sept. 9 . . . STANFORD

Sept. 16 . . . at New Mexico

Sept. 23 . . . FRESNO STATE

Sept. 30 . . . at UTEP

Oct. 7 . . . SAN DIEGO STATE

Oct. 14 . . . COLORADO STATE

Oct. 21 . . . AIR FORCE

Oct. 28 . . . UTAH STATE

Nov. 4 . . . at Wyoming

Nov. 18 . . . at BYU

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . at Utah State; won, 32-17

Sept. 10 . . . IDAHO STATE; won, 66-0

Sept. 17 . . . at Oregon; won, 34-16

Sept. 24 . . . WYOMING; won, 41-7

Oct. 8 . . . at San Diego St; won, 38-22

Oct. 15 . . . HAWAII; won, 14-3

Oct. 22 . . . at Colorado St; won, 45-31

Oct. 29 . . . UTEP; won, 52-7

Nov. 5 . . . at New Mexico; lost, 23-21

Nov. 12 . . . at Air Force; lost 40-33

Nov. 19 . . . BYU; won, 34-31

Dec. 27 . . . vs. Arizona in Freedom Bowl; won, 16-13

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ With 1994 All-American Luther Elliss gone, a new defensive leader must emerge.
- ✓ A solid season from either Mike Fouts or Brandon Jones.
- ✓ Henry Lusk must return at full strength.

NEW MEXICO

LOBOS

COACH: DENNIS FRANCHIONE, 4TH YEAR,
14-20; 94-39-2 OVERALL
'94 RECORD: 5-7 (4-4 CONF.)

By ANDY KATZ

New Mexico coach Dennis Franchione had a right to be upset. He had nothing to do with the schedule. Yet, it determined the Lobos' 1994 fate.

Now, he's got control.

The Lobos played four of their first six games on the road last season, and one of the home games was against eventual WAC champion Colorado State. It was no surprise that the Lobos were 1-5 to open the season. The schedule didn't get any easier as the Lobos still played half of their final six games on the road. However, the Lobos finished by winning four of them.

This season, the Lobos play four straight at home to open the season. They play only four road games, and with a new quarterback and a young defense, the schedule should work in the Lobos' favor.

OFFENSE: The Lobos were set on offense last season. They had the WAC's offensive player of the year in quarterback Stoney Case. Now what do the Lobos do that Case is gone?

"It would be wrong for us to expect anyone to replace Stoney Case," Franchione said. "But someone will be in his position."

Senior Scott Peterson and junior college transfer Donald Sellers will battle for the open spot. Peterson understands the offense, an advantage he has over Sellers, who ran a less complicated offense in junior college. However, Sellers is more mobile. Whoever wins the job, the No. 1 option is to get the ball to senior tailback Winslow Oliver (706 yds, 8 TDs).

The four anchors of the line are Ryan Mummert, Brandon Turner, Calvin Allen and Matt Tyner. Andy Gleason and Chris Wallace will battle for the other spot. The Lobos could have the WAC's top tight end in Chris Griffin.

DEFENSE: Franchione must improve a defense that was dead last in the nation.

Once again, the Lobos will be extremely young. Five freshmen (three redshirt and two true) started for the Lobos in the victory over Utah at UNM. In fact, the Lobos started an all-freshmen defensive line in two games last season.

Junior defensive end Buddy Billingsley, who missed all but two games with a knee injury, is expected to make an impact. Sophomores Clay Stapp and John Wingate were nursing injuries during spring practice. Both will be counted on to produce on the line, as will sophomore nose tackle Brett Lucksinger.

The linebacking crew is led by sophomore Blake Irwin (team-leading 131 tackles) and junior Daniel Johnson (114 tackles).

The Lobos have three defensive backs who should harbor enough



WINSLOW OLIVER
RB

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Scott Peterson (Sr., 6-1, 192)	Rocque Sandoval (Fr., 6-1, 197)
TB: Winslow Oliver (Sr., 5-8, 173)*	Che' Johnson (Fr., 6-0, 190)
FB: Chris Shelton (So., 5-10, 220)*	Noel Christian (So., 5-11, 211)
WR: Abe Ghoston (Jr., 5-9, 185)	Anthony Coleman (Fr., 6-0, 180)
WR: Steve Pagador (Sr., 5-10, 180)	Jeff Houghtaling (Jr., 6-4, 214)
TE: Chris Griffin (Sr., 6-4, 249)	Roy White (So., 6-2, 244)
LT: Matt Tyner (So., 6-3, 285)*	Shane Jaeger (So., 6-2, 284)
LG: Calvin Allen (Sr., 6-7, 385)*	Manny Alderete (Jr., 6-2, 304)
C: Brandon Turner (Jr., 6-3, 292)*	Eric Alwin (So., 6-6, 286)
RG: Andy Gleason (Jr., 6-5, 302)	Kevin Ned (Jr., 6-4, 348)
RT: Ryan Mummert (Sr., 6-3, 288)*	Chris Wallace (So., 6-1, 323)

DEFENSE

DE: John Wingate (So., 6-4, 259)*	Bill Borchers (Fr., 6-1, 240)
NT: Brett Lucksinger (So., 6-1, 261)*	Mike Ellington (So., 6-0, 225)
DE: Glen Matthews (Fr., 6-1, 287)	Barrett Garrison (Jr., 6-3, 247)
LB: Antoine Wright (Fr., 6-0, 213)	Terrence Burton (Jr., 6-0, 223)
LB: Daniel Johnson (Jr., 5-11, 216)*	Levi Roquemore (So., 5-11, 225)
LB: Blake Irwin (So., 6-0, 211)*	Bart Banard (So., 6-1, 215)
LB: Roston Thomas (Sr., 6-4, 228)*	Derrick Miller (Fr., 6-2, 201)
CB: Art Celestine (Sr., 5-9, 190)	Jameal Woods (So., 6-1, 171)
CB: Terrence Sharper (Sr., 5-9, 176)*	Johnnie Thomas (So., 6-1, 155)
SS: Scott McGarrahan (So., 6-1, 187)	Marcus Dowdy (Fr., 6-3, 205)
FS: Billy Austin (So., 5-10, 193)	Daniel Torza (Fr., 5-9, 158)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Mike Ross (Fr., 6-0, 175)	Kolby Cason (So., 5-11, 186)
P: Scott King (Fr., 5-11, 178)	Coby Mansell (So., 5-11, 180)

(* denotes returning starter)

experience to close the chasm in the middle of the field: senior Art Celestine, senior Terrence Sharper and sophomore Billy Austin. Junior college transfers Chili Davis and Brad Freeman should be in the rotation.

SPECIAL TEAMS: The Lobos lost second-team All-WAC kicker Nathan Vail, who was 12 of 18 on field-goal attempts and 39 of 43 on extra-point attempts. Freshman Mike Ross could replace Vail.

Sophomore punters Coby Mansell and Josh Conaway return, but Franchione isn't totally sold on either. Freshman Scott King was recruited because of their inconsis-

tency, and the job is his to win.

The Lobos need to improve on their punt returns and hope Oliver, whose longest was 18 yards last season, can get the job done.

RECRUITING: Junior college transfers Sellers, Larry Brown, Davis, Freeman and Bertrand Martin are all expected to make an impact.

Franchione had a good balance with 15 high school signings, including a "quarterback of the future" in Brian Messer, a Parade All-American.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: University Stadium, Albuquerque, N.M. (30,646, grass)
RETURNING STARTERS (12): Offense (6); Defense (6)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Stoney Case, QB (1st-team All-WAC); David Sloan, TE (1st-team All-WAC); Nathan Vail, K (2nd-team All-WAC); Gavin Pearlman, WR

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Scott Peterson, Sr., 2-2-20 yards

RUSHING: Winslow Oliver, Sr., 138 carries, 706 yards, 8 TDs

RECEIVING (catches): Steve Pagador, Sr. and Oliver, 21 each

RECEIVING (yards): Pagador, 428

TACKLES: Blake Irwin, So., 131

SACKS: John Wingate, So., 8

INTERCEPTIONS: Art Celestine, Sr., 3

PUNTING: Coby Mansell, So., 40.4 avg.

KICKING: none

SCORING: Oliver 48 points (8 TDs)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	. NORTHERN ARIZONA
Sept. 16	. UTAH
Sept. 23	. NEW MEXICO STATE
Sept. 30	. AIR FORCE
Oct. 7	. at Fresno State
Oct. 14	. HAWAII
Oct. 21	. at Colorado State
Oct. 28	. TEXAS TECH
Nov. 4	. at San Diego State
Nov. 11	. BRIGHAM YOUNG
Nov. 18	. at UTEP

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3	. at Texas Tech; lost, 37-31
Sept. 10	. TCU; lost, 44-29
Sept. 17	. at SMU; lost, 34-31
Sept. 24	. at BYU; lost, 49-47
Oct. 1	. . . COLORADO ST.; lost, 38-31
Oct. 8	. . . at Hawaii; won, 38-21
Oct. 15	. . . SAN DIEGO ST.; lost, 20-13
Oct. 22	. . . at N. Mexico St.; won, 56-31
Oct. 29	. . . at Fresno St.; won, 49-32
Nov. 5	. . . UTAH; won, 23-21
Nov. 12	. . . at Wyoming; lost, 38-28
Nov. 19	. . . UTEP; won, 25-21

MILESTONES

- New Mexico and Penn State were the only teams in NCAA Division I-A to rank in the Top 25 in rushing and passing offense last season.
- Senior tailback Winslow Oliver (2,417 yards) is currently No. 4 on the school's career rushing list.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Have to improve on defense which was 107th in NCAA Division I-A last season.
- ✓ Need either Scott Peterson or Donald Sellers to become a consistent and potent quarterback.
- ✓ Find a reliable kicker and punter.

By LARRY BORTSTEIN

To say Hawaii's 1994 season was unusual is putting it mildly. The Rainbows failed to beat a WAC team but were 3-0-1 in non-conference play, including stunning back-to-back upsets of Pac-10 champion Oregon and Cal. But erratic play and injuries forced coach Bob Wagner to go through four quarterbacks, and the musical chairs ruined any chance of offensive continuity.

Wagner also has two new coordinators—Kanani Souza on offense, replacing Paul Johnson, who went to Navy, and George Lumpkin, taking over on defense for Chris Smeland, now on the staff at Utah State.

Last year's 3-8-1 record was the worst for a Wagner-coached team at Hawaii. The last time the Rainbows finished below .500—4-7-1 in 1991—they rebounded with a WAC title, an 11-2 mark and a Holiday Bowl victory the following season.

OFFENSE: The Rainbows struggled in their first year with the spread offense, but Wagner hopes familiarity with the system will breed content. Senior Tupu Alualu averaged 4.9 yards per carry last year and returns to head the ground game.

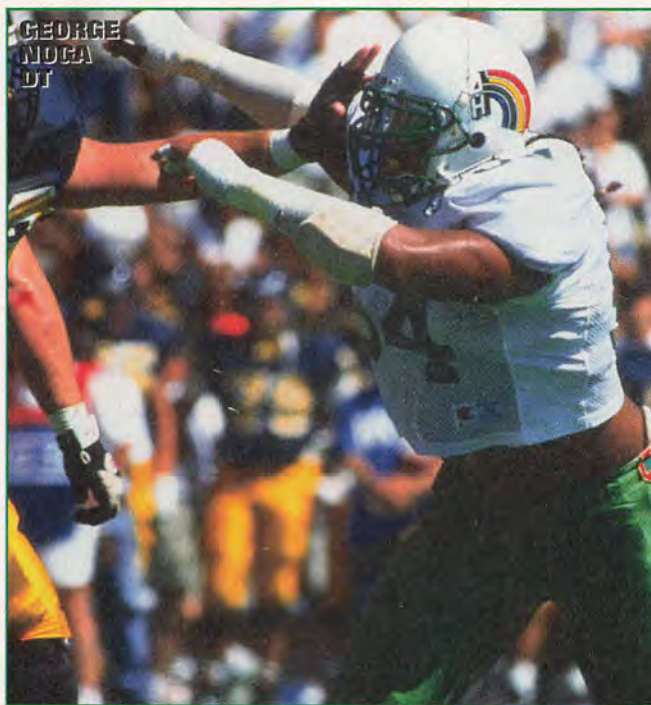
Both wide receivers are back—Clint Kuboyama, a transfer from Boston College, and Brannon Kennedy. Shane Oliveira, a 262-pounder who started eight games at center or left tackle last year, is the only returning offensive line regular, but Wagner is confident he has the troops to make up for graduation losses.

Quarterback remains the question. All four men who saw action at the position in '94 return—Glenn Freitas, Rodney Glover, John Hao and Johnny Macon—return. Freitas started the most games but Hao was the most effective at running the short passing game.

DEFENSE: The Rainbows' defense, which recorded a conference-high 44 sacks, ranked fourth in the WAC last year. With a group of talented seniors, defense again figures to be a strength of the team despite the loss of three cornerbacks and two nose guards.

Seniors George Noga (241 pounds) and Rod York (255) make up one of the most solid tackle tandems in the conference. Noga, the younger brother of former NFL players Al and Niko, had six sacks for 34 yards in losses and caused two fumbles, while York caused opposing quarterbacks 28 yards in losses with his seven sacks. Jeff Bredy and Joe Shaw, also seniors, are experienced veteran linebackers, and Agenhart Ellis at rover covers the run and pass equally well. Senior free safety Jason Ross, who also plays baseball at Hawaii, made 65 tackles and intercepted four passes in '94. He also caused two fumbles, one of which he recovered.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Hawaii had



PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: John Hao (Sr., 5-11, 197)	Glenn Freitas (Jr., 6-1, 180)*
RB: Tupu Alualu (Sr., 6-0, 220)*	Brett Washington (Sr., 5-10, 246)
RB: Walter Grissam (Sr., 5-7, 175)	Matt Harding (Sr., 5-9, 153)
RB: Phil Cunningham (Sr., 6-0, 204)*	Eddie Klaneski (So., 5-9, 170)
WR: Gary Ellison (So., 6-2, 205)	Brannon Kennedy (Sr., 6-2, 199)
WR: Clint Kuboyama (Sr., 5-11, 187)*	Jason Mane (So., 5-11, 163)
TE: Shane Oliveira (So., 6-2, 271)*	Ellie Kapihe (So., 6-3, 269)
LB: Michale Petersen (Jr., 6-4, 285)	Kualana Noa (Fr., 6-4, 298)
C: Dewey Reed (So., 6-1, 259)	C.B. Wentling (Jr., 6-1, 260)
RB: Marcus Malepeal (Jr., 6-2, 300)	Conrad Paulo (So., 6-2, 281)
RE: Mark Hernandez (Jr., 6-4, 267)	Joe Wong (Fr., 6-6, 279)

DEFENSE

DE: George Noga (Sr., 6-2, 241)*	Brian Chapman (So., 6-2, 253)
DE: Marvis Tauala (Sr., 6-2, 251)	Ben Bright (Fr., 6-2, 232)
DE: David Tafala (Sr., 6-0, 270)	Rod York (Sr., 4-10, 255)*
LB: Jeff Bredy (Sr., 6-1, 230)*	Kone Salavea (So., 6-1, 248)
LB: Joe Shaw (Sr., 6-2, 227)	Kamuela Cobb-Adams (Fr., 6-1, 195)
LB: Danny Katoa (Sr., 5-11, 248)	Punahou Aina (Sr., 5-11, 210)
LB: Agenhart Ellis (Sr., 5-11, 198)*	Greg Roach (Jr., 5-11, 205)
CB: Dee Henderson (Sr., 5-9, 171)*	Khary Williams (So., 5-11, 191)
CB: Alfred Hunter (Fr., 5-9, 175)	Charles Towns (Jr., 5-9, 200)
SS: Robby Blakeney (Sr., 6-1, 200)	Niko Vitale (Jr., 5-11, 195)
FS: Jason Ross (Jr., 6-4, 207)*	Robby Blakeney (Sr., 6-1, 195)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Carlton Oswalt (Jr., 5-10, 182)*	Amphay Champathong (So., 5-5, 159)
P: Robby Blakeney (Sr., 6-1, 195)	Brendan Agbayani (Fr., 5-10, 190)

(* denotes returning starter)

great success in blocking kicks last year, blocking two field-goal attempts, an extra point try and three punts. Two blocked punts led to the decisive touchdowns in the 21-7 victory over Cal. In senior Matthew Harding, the Rainbows have one of the top special teams players in the country. He is second on the school's all-time all-purpose yardage list and has blocked nine kicks. Demitres "Doe" Henderson, a junior who has played both strong safety and cornerback, gives Hawaii punt returning depth.

RECRUITING: The Rainbows didn't help themselves much offensively in recruiting, particularly at the skill spots. Slotback George Omellas

and a pair of huge linemen—280-pound Kaulano Noa and 270-pound Josefa Pua'auli—could be the most significant newcomers on offense.

Five new linebackers have joined the Rainbows, including two from the junior college ranks—Sam Collins from Independence, Kan., and Doug Rosevold from Sacramento City College. Wagner wasn't happy with the kicking game last year and has brought in Brent Fischer from Reno and Chad Shroot from Lancaster, Cal., to challenge for placement and punting jobs.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Aloha Stadium, Honolulu, Hawaii, (50,000, artificial turf)

RETURNING STARTERS (12): Offense (5); Defense (6); Specialists (1)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Junior Faavae, LB (1st-team All-WAC); Kelly McGill, OL (honorable mention All-WAC); Kendall Goo, OL (honorable mention All-WAC); Nalei Cox, DL (honorable mention All-WAC); Carlos Anderson, DB (honorable mention All-WAC); Zac Odom, DB (honorable mention All-WAC)

LEADING RETURNEES STATISTICS

PASSING: John Hao, Sr., 86-152-

1,181 yards, 6 TDs, 6 INTs

RUSHING: Tupu Alualu, Sr., 129 carries, 638 yards, 3 TDs

RECEIVING (catches): Clint Kuboyama, Sr., 27, 2 TDs

RECEIVING (yards): Brannon Kennedy, Sr., 462

TACKLES: Jason Ross, Jr., 65

SACKS: Rod York, Sr., 7

INTERCEPTIONS: Ross, 4

PUNTING: None

KICKING: Carlton Oswalt, Jr., 7-12

FGs, 16-18 PATs

SCORING: Oswalt, 37 points

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . TEXAS

Sept. 16 . . . at Wyoming

Sept. 23 . . . UTEP

Sept. 30 . . . at UNLV

Oct. 14 . . . at New Mexico

Oct. 21 . . . CENTRAL FLORIDA

Oct. 28 . . . at Brigham Young

Nov. 4 . . . FRESNO ST.

Nov. 11 . . . at Colorado St.

Nov. 18 . . . SAN DIEGO STATE

Nov. 25 . . . AIR FORCE

Dec. 2 . . . OKLAHOMA STATE

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . BYU; lost, 13-12

Sept. 10 . . . OREGON; won, 36-16

Sept. 17 . . . at California; won, 21-7

Sept. 24 . . . FRESNO ST.; lost, 31-16

Oct. 1 . . . at UTEP; lost, 34-28

Oct. 8 . . . NEW MEXICO; lost, 38-21

Oct. 15 . . . at Utah; lost, 14-3

Oct. 29 . . . at San Diego St.; lost, 38-23

Nov. 12 . . . S.E. MISSOURI; won, 34-0

Nov. 19 . . . WYOMING; lost, 13-10

Nov. 26 . . . MISSOURI; tied, 32-32

Dec. 3 . . . AIR FORCE; lost, 37-24

MILESTONE

■ Matthew Harding's nine career blocked kicks—including four in 1994—are a school record.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Establish a starting quarterback.
- ✓ Improve the kicking game.
- ✓ Add depth to defensive backfield.

By LARRY BORTSTEIN

The Bulldogs' seven losses in '94 were the most they've suffered in 17 seasons under Sweeney, a sign, many thought, that at age 65 he would retire.

But coach Jim Sweeney has re-upped through 1999, and there are strong indications he can reverse the team's fortunes and have the Bulldogs challenging for the WAC title they shared in 1992 and 1993.

Help is needed on defense, however. The Bulldogs were 101st in the country in pass defense last season.

Sweeney needs six victories to become the seventh active head coach in Division I-A to reach a career total of 200. To get those wins and more, he went heavily for junior college transfers and landed 20, a group rated by three national recruiting publications as the top JUCO class in the country. Sweeney also emphasized weight loss during the offseason, particularly among some of his offensive linemen.

"Underneath some of those 300-pound bodies are the bodies of football players," said Sweeney, who reduced from 243 pounds to 214 himself.

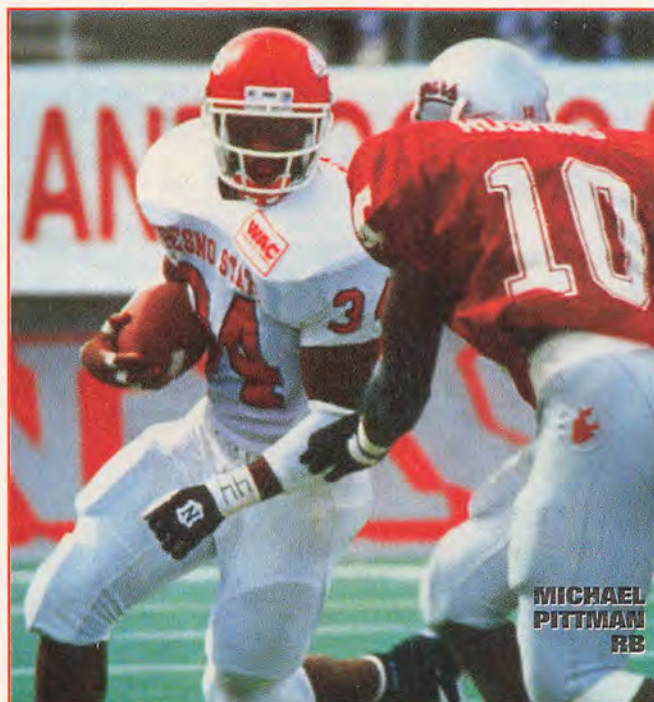
OFFENSE: The Bulldogs will score often and quickly. Quarterback Richie Donati will run the shotgun formation. His primary target will be All-WAC wide receiver Charlie Jones, whose 971 receiving yards were second highest in the conference last year.

Sophomore Michael Pittman, who earned the starting tailback spot before being lost to injury, is back along with Jerome Oliver, who ran for 1,106 yards. Reggie Brown, who gained speed after reducing from 230 pounds to 220, lends a powerful presence at fullback. Add split end Brian Roberson and tight ends Todd Koenig (back from a head injury) and Warren Fonier and the Bulldogs are capable of showing many different offensive sets.

Pass protection broke down at times last year. But four offensive line starters return including 280-pound left tackle Chris Conrad, who last season suffered a concussion which led to memory loss.

DEFENSE: Looking for a better pass rush, the Bulldogs have switched from a 3-4 alignment to a four-man front, where defensive tackle Lomumba Neal will be joined by 6-5, 290-pound JUCO transfer Bryan Robinson. Steve Casner, who played linebacker last year, will also move up to the four-man front. Strongside linebacker Gene Smith, a 235-pounder with speed Sweeney calls "an NFL kind of player," figures to get help from JUCO additions, DeMarco Ford and Derrick Hentz.

Strong safety Omar Stoutmire performed well at times in '94 despite an ankle injury. Sweeney feels Steve Wilson, another signee



MICHAEL
PITTMAN
RB

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Richie Donati (Jr., 6-3, 200)*	Jim Arellanes (Jr., 6-4, 210)
TB: Jerome Oliver (Sr., 5-9, 200)*	Michael Pittman (So., 6-0, 205)
FB: Reggie Brown (Sr., 6-1, 225)	Louie Major (Sr., 5-11, 205)
WR: Brian Roberson (Jr., 5-10, 170)*	Latario Rachal (Sr., 5-10, 170)
WR: Charlie Jones (Sr., 5-10, 170)*	Jahine Arnold (Sr., 6-1, 185)
TE: Warren Fonier (So., 6-2, 240)	Todd Koenig (Jr., 6-7, 250)
LT: Chris Conrad (So., 6-7, 280)*	Michael Carr (So., 6-3, 275)
LG: Brian Malcolm (Sr., 6-2, 285)*	Ken Foersch (Fr., 6-3, 280)
C: Gary Osmundson (Jr., 6-3, 275)*	Chris Giannetta (Sr., 6-4, 310)
RG: Scott Mueller (Jr., 6-4, 275)	Jamie Armstrong (Jr., 6-2, 300)
RT: Dan Han (Sr., 6-4, 305)*	Allen Weathers (Jr., 6-4, 310)

DEFENSE

DE: Danny Williams (Jr., 6-4, 265)*	Adarryll Thomas (Sr., 6-3, 270)
DE: Lomumba Neal (Jr., 6-3, 270)	Andrew Jones (So., 6-1, 240)
DE: Shatony Sargeant (Jr., 6-5, 280)	Mike Hawks (So., 6-4, 250)
DE: Steve Casner (Sr., 6-3, 245)*	Leroy Colbert (Jr., 6-3, 245)
LB: Gene Smith (Sr., 6-4, 235)*	Andre Griggs (Sr., 6-3, 225)
LB: Alphonso Bigelow (Jr., 6-1, 225)	Dion Laffitte (Jr., 6-1, 245)
LB: Chris Love (So., 6-1, 210)	A.J. Gass (So., 6-3, 200)
CB: Woody Green (So., 5-11, 195)	Earl Young (So., 5-11, 170)
CB: Antonio Pratt (So., 5-9, 160)	Rio Wells (Jr., 5-9, 170)*
SS: Omar Stoutmire (Jr., 5-11, 195)*	Jared Savage (Fr., 5-11, 185)
FS: Joe Barnes (So., 5-10, 180)	Nick Rockwell (Jr., 6-2, 210)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Johan Lyssand (So., 5-7, 150)*	Armen Torigian (Jr., 5-8, 180)
P: John Brown (Sr., 6-1, 190)	Jeff Roberts (Fr., 6-3, 190)

(* denotes returning starter)

from the JUCO ranks, will be a starting cornerback.

SPECIAL TEAMS: In Johan Lyssand, Fresno State has potentially the WAC's best placekicker. He was 14 of 18 on field-goal attempts last season. Punting is another matter. John Brown, the incumbent, ranked last in the WAC a year ago. National kickoff return champion David Dunn is gone, but Damien Rose, a 170-pound freshman, is an interesting newcomer.

RECRUITING: The Bulldogs' group of JUCO signees might be comparable to the group which entered USC last year. Among the most notable of these are Chris

Bayne, a free safety from San Bernardino Valley College, who was pursued by UCLA, Arizona and Utah. Greg Minnatee, a wide receiver at Yuba City-Sacramento CC, considered Arizona State and Colorado State, among others, before committing to Fresno State. Jim Arellanes, a 6-4, 210-pound quarterback, could end up the most interesting of all the Bulldogs' JUCO recruits. At Los Angeles Valley CC last year, he passed for 3,909 yards and 30 touchdowns.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Bulldog Stadium, Fresno, Calif. (41,031, artificial)

RETURNING STARTERS (14): Offense (8); Defense (5); Specialists (1)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: David Dunn, WR/KR (1st-team All-WAC); Jason James, OL (2nd-team All-WAC); Ron Papazian, LB (2nd-team All-WAC)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Richie Donati, Jr., 152-

263-2,254 yards, 11 TDs, 9 INTs

RUSHING: Jerome Oliver, Sr., 258

carries, 1,106 yards, 8 TDs

RECEIVING (catches): Charlie Jones, Sr., 54, 6 TDs

RECEIVING (yards): Jones, 971 yards

TACKLES: Steve Casner, Sr., 98

SACKS: Omar Stoutmire, Jr., 5

INTERCEPTIONS: none

PUNTING: Jon Williams, Sr., 35.7 avg.

KICKING: Johan Lyssand, So., 14-18

FGs (long 46), 38-38 PATs

SCORING: Reggie Brown, 96 points (16 TDs)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . N.E. LOUISIANA

Sept. 9 . . . at California

Sept. 16 . . . PACIFIC

Sept. 23 . . . at Utah

Sept. 30 . . . at UCLA

Oct. 7 . . . NEW MEXICO

Oct. 14 . . . at San Diego State

Oct. 28 . . . AIR FORCE

Nov. 4 . . . at Hawaii

Nov. 11 . . . UTEP

Nov. 18 . . . at Wyoming

Nov. 25 . . . BYU

1994 RESULTS

Aug. 29 . . . vs. Ohio State at Pigskin Classic; lost, 34-10

Sept. 3 . . . SAN JOSE ST.; won, 45-13

Sept. 10 . . . at Washington St.; lost, 24-3

Sept. 17 . . . OREGON ST.; won, 24-14

Sept. 24 . . . at Hawaii; won, 31-16

Oct. 8 . . . BYU; lost, 32-30

Oct. 15 . . . WYOMING; won, 38-24

Oct. 22 . . . at Air Force; lost, 42-7

Oct. 29 . . . NEW MEXICO; lost, 49-32

Nov. 5 . . . NEVADA; lost, 62-35

Nov. 12 . . . at UTEP; tied, 30-30

Nov. 19 . . . COLORADO ST.; lost, 44-42

Nov. 26 . . . at San Diego St.; won, 49-42

MILESTONES

■ Sweeney needs six victories to become the seventh active head coach in Division I-A to reach 200.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Immediate contributions from junior college transfers.
- ✓ Improvement in protecting the passer.
- ✓ More production from tight end spot.

By ANDY KATZ

Marshall Young was a certainty. So, UTEP coach Charlie Bailey brought Young, his placekicker/punter, to the WAC's football media day as one of his top two players. It was July and the 1994 season was still two months from kicking off. No one could fault Bailey for giving preseason publicity to the 1993 All-WAC kicker; he deserved the praise.

If only the walk-on tryouts were conducted a little earlier. Bailey could have set a precedent: tout a newcomer. By the end of the 1994 WAC season, Bailey had the best one in the WAC — junior walk-on tailback Toraino Singleton.

Singleton, an El Paso native who played previously at two different junior colleges, rushed for an average of 116.1 yards a game — the second best mark in the WAC. He was a second-team All-WAC selection, one of only three UTEP players (including Young) who were first or second-team All-WAC.

With Wyoming's Ryan Christopherson gone, Singleton, Fresno State's Jerome Oliver and New Mexico's Winslow Oliver become the WAC's premier rushers for the 1995 season.

OFFENSE: Bailey says the running game is set. Singleton is it. Depth behind him is a question.

The Miners used some option with Shawn Gray at quarterback last season. However, Singleton dictated most of the calls. Now, UTEP will attempt to move toward more of a pro-set with one of three quarterbacks throwing the ball: Leonard Lilja, John Rayborn or Matt Hickl.

"We're going to go with the guy who can get us in the end zone, not necessarily the one who's the prettiest," said Bailey.

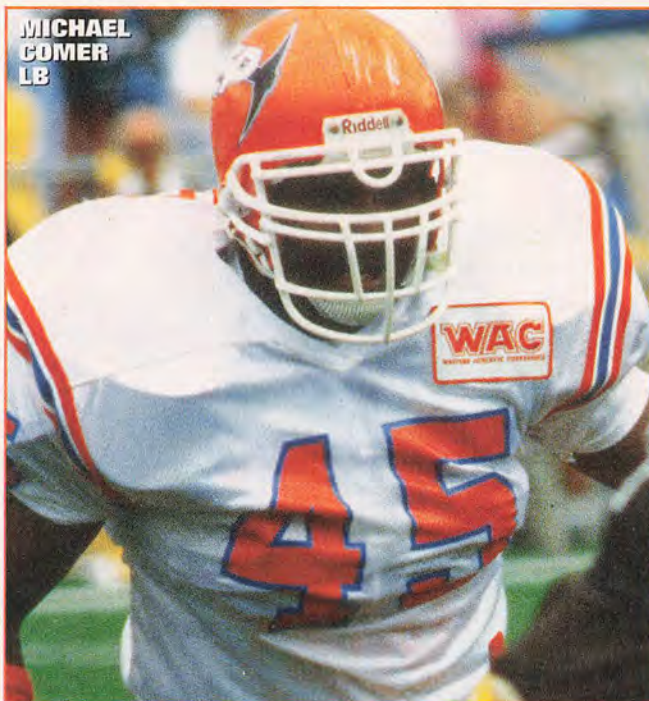
The Miners lost their top receiver in J.J. Rowlett but return speedsters Alvin Black (514 yards, three TDs), Andre Brittingham and Omar Durham. Bailey is banking on Ray Bailie, a JUCO transfer from California, to make an impact.

Despite two newcomers, Bailey believes the offensive line will clear the appropriate paths for Singleton and provide the quarterbacks with needed protection. Center Keith Boyd, tackle Anwar White and Jesse Villareal return with one of the other spots going to Jesus Renteria, who chose UTEP over Ole Miss and Arkansas.

DEFENSE: Bailey has no idea what to expect in the secondary. The Miners will be using JUCO transfers to patch up the depleted defensive backfield. Brett Bean, Chris Pikes and DeAndros Long are the top candidates to make an impact.

"You've got to have people who will cover people one-on-one," said Bailey, whose defense gave up 484 yards a game — 106th among the 107 Division I-A schools. "We were forced to play people zone too much."

**MICHAEL
COMER
LB**



PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Leonard Lilja (Jr., 6-2, 206)	John Rayborn (Fr., 6-2, 205)
TB: Toraino Singleton (Sr., 6-3, 230)*	Daryl Phillips (Sr., 5-11, 228)
FB: Terrance Johnson (Jr., 5-11, 215)*	Lawrence Brown (Sr., 5-9, 215)
WR: Andre Brittingham (Sr., 6-1, 173)	Ray Bailie (Jr., 5-11, 180)
WR: Alvin Black (Sr., 6-2, 176)*	Omar Durham (Sr., 5-9, 168)
TE: Jason Blair (Jr., 6-5, 260)*	Josh Lubin (So., 6-3, 230)
LE: Anwar White (So., 6-6, 272)	Alan Gray (Fr., 6-4, 240)
LB: Brandon Cumble (So., 6-2, 260)	Nick Griego (Jr., 6-3, 270)
C: Keith Boyd (Jr., 6-3, 288)	Abdul Stewart (Jr., 6-2, 270)
RG: Jesse Villareal (Sr., 6-2, 293)*	Stephen LeClerc (Jr., 6-5, 280)
RE: Jaryl Curtis (Sr., 6-6, 273)	Jesus Renteria (Jr., 6-3, 280)

DEFENSE

DE: Best Ihegborow (Jr., 6-2, 247)*	Martese Thornton (Sr., 6-3, 245)
DE: Jack Bumgardner (Jr., 6-4, 254)	Peter Simonian (Fr., 6-3, 230)
DE: John Houser (So., 6-2, 256)	Brandon Hill (Jr., 6-1, 275)
DE: Parrish Jackson (Sr., 6-2, 243)	Phillip Hippolyte (Jr., 6-3, 280)
LB: Aaron Plante (Sr., 6-3, 251)	Ricardo Acosta (So., 6-0, 221)
LB: Michael Comer (Jr., 5-9, 253)*	Andrew Kelley (Fr., 6-1, 227)
LB: Todd Turner (So., 6-0, 230)	Dale Kirry (Fr., 6-0, 227)
CB: Michael Hicks (Fr., 6-3, 190)	Rodney Ryan (So., 5-8, 158)
CB: Raymond Lindholm (Sr., 5-8, 176)*	Demond Reagler (Fr., 5-9, 170)
SS: Joe Riccillo (So., 6-0, 184)	Kenyon Lewis (Sr., 6-2, 226)
FS: David Terrell (So., 6-2, 172)*	Kevin Bous (So., 6-1, 190)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Marshall Young (Jr., 5-10, 192)	John Olsen (Jr., 6-0, 160)
P: Marshall Young (Jr., 5-10, 192)	John Olsen (Jr., 6-0, 160)

(* denotes returning starter)

Junior linebacker Michael Comer, who was second-team All-WAC, is the Miners' most experienced returning defender. Bailey is looking to JUCO transfers Brandon Hill (6-foot-1, 275) and Phillip Hippolyte (6-3, 280) to possibly give the Miners more size on the defensive line. Returnees Best Ihegborow, Martese Thornton, Brian Burks and Jack Bumgardner give the Miners some depth.

The Miners have to put more pressure on the quarterback. They were last in the WAC in sacks with an average of one a game.

SPECIAL TEAMS: The Miners were No. 92 in the nation in punt

returns but were a more respectable 37th in kickoff returns at 20.4 yards. Young, an All-WAC selection for the second straight season, will be pushed in his senior season by John Olsen, a JUCO Gridwire All America at Sacramento CC in California.

RECRUITING: Bailey needed immediate help in the defensive backfield and on both lines. The influx of junior college players will certainly fill gaps. However, the Miners could have used a proven running back to play behind Singleton and a few linebackers.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Sun Bowl, El Paso, Texas, (52,000, artificial)

RETURNING STARTERS (12): Offense (6); Defense (4); Specialists (2)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: J.J. Rowlett, WR (honorable mention All-WAC); Demetrius Maxie, DE (honorable mention All-WAC); Larry Davis, DT (honorable mention All-WAC); Brian Vellmure, DB (honorable mention All-WAC); Omar Lowrance, OL (honorable mention All-WAC)

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: none

RUSHING: Toraino Singleton, Sr., 289 carries, 1,277 yards, 11 TDs

RECEIVING (catches): Alvin Black, Sr., 27, 3 TDs

RECEIVING (yards): Alvin Black, 514

TACKLES: Michael Comer, Jr., 142

SACKS: Jack Bumgardner, Jr., and Best Ihegborow, Jr., 2 each

INTERCEPTIONS: Sam Rogers, Sr., and David Terrell, So., 2 each

PUNTING: Marshall Young, Sr., 39.8 avg.

KICKING: Young, 10-18 FGs (long 53), 19-21 PATs

SCORING: Singleton, 66 points (11 TDs)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . at New Mexico State
Sept. 9 . . . at Arizona State
Sept. 16 . . . VALDOSTA STATE
Sept. 23 . . . at Hawaii
Sept. 30 . . . UTAH
Oct. 7 . . . at Air Force
Oct. 14 . . . TULSA
Oct. 21 . . . WYOMING
Oct. 28 . . . SAN DIEGO STATE
Nov. 4 . . . at Colorado State
Nov. 11 . . . at Fresno State
Nov. 18 . . . NEW MEXICO

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . at Wyoming; lost, 36-13
Sept. 10 . . . ILLINOIS; won, 22-20
Sept. 17 . . . NEW MEXICO ST.; lost, 23-22
Sept. 24 . . . vs. Air Force; lost, 47-7
Oct. 1 . . . HAWAII; won, 34-28
Oct. 8 . . . at Tulsa; won, 24-17
Oct. 15 . . . at Colorado St.; lost, 47-9
Oct. 22 . . . BYU; lost, 34-28
Oct. 29 . . . at Utah; lost, 52-7
Nov. 12 . . . FRESNO ST.; tied, 30-30
Nov. 19 . . . at New Mexico; lost, 25-21

MILESTONE

■ UTEP won three games, the most since the 1991 season, when UTEP was 4-7-1.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ The new starting quarterback has to come through from the outset.
- ✓ New secondary composed of JUCO transfers has to mature immediately.
- ✓ Toraino Singleton has to have another 1,000-yard season.

NOTRE DAME

FIGHTING IRISH

COACH: LOU HOLTZ, 10TH YEAR, 83-24-2;

199-89-7 OVERALL

'94 RECORD: 6-5-1

By JOE TYBOR

Lou Holtz says he doesn't look back, except to learn, and there are plenty of lessons after last season's dismal 6-5-1 performance.

First, the Irish need an attitude adjustment. Maybe it was because of repeated injuries to key seniors Ray Zellars, Lee Becton and Ryan Leahy, but the Irish lacked leadership and cohesion.

Now that he is a junior academically, quarterback Ron Powlus must assume more of a leadership role in the huddle and become more mobile in avoiding the rush and in executing Holtz's favorite play, the option.

There is still talent at the running back positions with Marc Edwards at fullback and Randy Kinder, Robert Farmer and incoming freshman James Jackson at tailback.

Powlus will have his favorite target, All-America candidate Derrick Mayes, as well as highly touted freshman Randy Moss to throw to.

OFFENSE: Powlus, playing in his first year, set the Irish single-season record for touchdown passes with 19, and Mayes broke Jack Snow's 30-year record by catching 11 touchdown passes. Still, the Irish need a fast receiver to take the double-team off of Mayes and may have landed him in the speedy Moss.

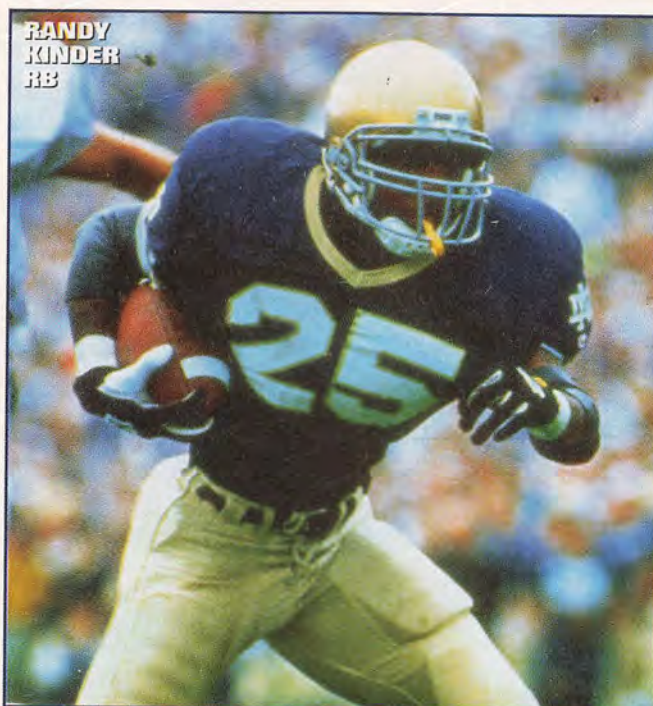
The backfield holds promise with Edwards, Kinder and Farmer as well as sophomore tailback Clem Stokes and Jackson. With injuries to Becton and Zellars, Kinder was Notre Dame's leading ground gainer last season with a stretch of four straight 100-yard-plus games.

The key for the Irish offense this year, however, will be the offensive line. It was decimated by injuries last season, but this year, senior center Dusty Zeigler should be an All-America candidate, and the Irish are hoping juniors Chris Clevenger and Mike Doughty stabilize the tackle positions. Leahy returns and could provide consistency at the right guard spot if his knee holds up.

DEFENSE: Defensive coordinator Bob Davie has shuffled players to get athleticism and quickness in key positions. Senior nose tackle Paul Grasmanis will be the anchor of the defensive line, and his intensity this season just might bring back memories of Chris Zorich. Another senior, Renaldo Wynn, has been moved from the outside linebacking spot to a down lineman along with junior Melvin Dansby.

Junior Bert Berry, who led the Irish in sacks last year, will rush from the outside linebacker position, and juniors Lyron Cobbins and Kinnon Tatum, who saw playing time last year, will start at inside linebacker.

The secondary lost standout Bobby Taylor to the NFL draft. It returns safety Brian Magee and cornerback Shawn Wooden, and will also rely on the speed of sophomores Ivory Covington



RANDY KINDER
RB

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB Ron Powlus (Jr., 6-2, 215)*	Tom Krug (Jr., 6-5, 199)
TB Randy Kinder (Jr., 6-1, 200)*	Robert Farmer (Jr., 6-1, 210)
FB Marc Edwards (Jr., 6-2, 221)	Marcus Thorne (Sr., 6-0, 220)
WR Derrick Mayes (Sr., 6-1, 205)*	Clai Champion (Jr., 5-11, 176)
WR Emmett Mosely (Jr., 5-9, 179)	Randy Moss (Fr., 6-5, 205)
TE Leon Wallace (Sr., 6-3, 275)	Pete Chrylewicz (Sr., 6-5, 255)
LT Chris Clevenger (Jr., 6-7, 250)*	Jeff Kilburg (Jr., 6-4, 258)
LG Jeremy Akers (Sr., 6-5, 286)*	Steve Misetic (Sr., 6-5, 280)
C Dusty Zeigler (Sr., 6-6, 264)*	Rick Kaczinski (Jr., 6-4, 251)
RG Ryan Leahy (Sr., 6-4, 285)*	Luke Pettigout (So., 6-7, 260)
RE Mike Doughty (Jr., 6-8, 280)	Mike Rosenthal (Fr., 6-7, 290)

DEFENSE

DE Paul Grasmanis (Sr., 6-3, 277)*	David Quist (Sr., 6-5, 264)
DE Melvin Dansby (Jr., 6-4, 245)	Cliff Stroud (Sr., 6-3, 274)
DE Renaldo Wynn (Sr., 6-3, 254)*	Darnell Smith (Jr., 6-5, 265)
OLB Bert Berry (Jr., 6-4, 221)	Cory Bennett (So., 6-2, 205)
OLB John McLaughlin (So., 6-4, 225)	Bill Wagasy (Sr., 6-2, 228)
OLB Lyron Cobbins (Jr., 6-2, 230)	Kurt Belisle (So., 6-3, 220)
ILB Kinnon Tatum (Jr., 6-1, 209)	Jeff Kramer (So., 6-3, 215)
CB Shawn Wooden (Sr., 5-11, 183)*	Ty Goode (So., 6-1, 173)
CB Allen Rossum (So., 5-9, 175)	Ivory Covington (So., 5-11, 160)
SS Brian Magee (Sr., 5-10, 201)*	Brian Perry (Jr., 6-1, 199)
FS Jarvis Edison (So., 6-5, 210)	Brian Perry (Jr., 6-1, 199)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K Kevin Kopka (Fr., 5-8, 175)	Scott Cengia (So., 5-9, 179)
P Hunter Smith (Fr., 6-3, 180)	Chris Wachtel (Jr., 5-11, 211)

(* denotes returning starter)

and Allen Rossum, who earned letters last year. Covington, at 5-11, and Rossum, at 5-9, aren't big, but their quickness provides Davie with some added flexibility in man coverage.

Davie will switch to a 3-4 defense, primarily to give Berry a cleaner shot at the quarterback, rather than fighting through a tight end.

SPECIAL TEAMS: The Irish kicking and punting games were miserable last season. Six different players tried to contribute and Holtz even had Powlus give punting a try. Brian Ford, recruited three years ago as a punter, has left the team. This year, Holtz will rely on two freshmen. Kevin Kopka is a heralded

kicker out of Florida, although he made only one field goal in his senior year because his team lacked a long-snapper. Hunter Smith, from Sherman, Texas, was recruited to do the punting chores.

RECRUITING: Notre Dame recruited what many analysts believe to be the best class in the nation. In addition to Moss and Jackson, they nabbed top fullback prospect Jamie Spencer, two top offensive tackles in Mike Rosenthal and Tim Ridder and several quick linebackers who could move up to the defensive line.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Notre Dame Stadium, South Bend, Ind. (59,075, grass)

RETURNING STARTERS (11): Offense (7); Defense (4)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Bobby Taylor, DB (3rd-team All America, entered NFL draft).

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Ron Powlus, Jr., 119-222-1,729 yards, 19 TDs, 9 INTs

RUSHING: Randy Kinder, Jr., 119 carries, 702 yards, 4 TDs

RECEIVING (catches): Derrick Mayes, Sr., 47, 11 TDs

RECEIVING (yards): Mayes, 847

TACKLES: Brian Magee, Sr., 81

SACKS: Bert Berry, Jr., 6

INTERCEPTIONS: none

PUNTING: none

KICKING: none

SCORING: Mayes, 68 points (11 TDs, 12 PT)

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . NORTHWESTERN

Sept. 9 . . . at Purdue

Sept. 16 . . . VANDERBILT

Sept. 23 . . . TEXAS

Sept. 30 . . . at Ohio State

Oct. 7 . . . at Washington

Oct. 14 . . . at Army

Oct. 21 . . . USC

Oct. 28 . . . BOSTON COLLEGE

Nov. 4 . . . NAVY

Nov. 18 . . . at Air Force

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 3 . . . at Northwestern; won, 42-15

Sept. 10 . . . MICHIGAN; lost, 26-24

Sept. 17 . . . at Michigan St.; won, 21-20

Sept. 24 . . . PURDUE; won, 39-21

Oct. 1 . . . STANFORD; won, 34-15

Oct. 8 . . . at BC; lost, 30-11

Oct. 15 . . . BYU; lost, 21-14

Oct. 29 . . . NAVY; won, 58-21

Nov. 12 . . . vs. Florida St.; lost, 23-16

Nov. 19 . . . AIR FORCE; won, 42-30

Nov. 26 . . . at USC; tie, 17-17

Jan. 2 . . . vs. Colorado in Fiesta Bowl; lost, 41-24

MILESTONES

■ Mayes needs only three more touchdown receptions to tie Tom Gatewood's career mark of 19, set from 1969-71.

■ Last year's 6-5-1 record was the worst at Notre Dame since Holtz's debut season in 1986.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Develop a consistent offensive line.
- ✓ Leadership and consistency from quarterback Ron Powlus.
- ✓ Develop a ball-hawking secondary and an aggressive pass rush on defense.

LOUISVILLE

CARDINALS

COACH: RON COOPER, 1ST YEAR AT LOUISVILLE,
9-13 OVERALL
'94 RECORD: 6-5

By RICK BOZICH

Throughout his 10-year reign at the University of Louisville, Howard Schnellenberger wanted the world to believe that he was Louisville football. End of discussion.

Now we will find out.

Schnellenberger shocked the football world — and the Cardinal faithful — when he walked away from one of his better teams to take the Oklahoma job last December. He was unhappy with Louisville's impending move from independent status to a conference with five other southern independents. He was frustrated by a lack of firm progress toward a new stadium. And, at 61, he wanted a legitimate chance at a national championship.

That was Shock No. 1. Shock No. 2 came when Louisville hired a man nearly half his age in Ron Cooper to replace him. Cooper is 33, the youngest head coach in Division I-A football. Three years ago, he was working with the defensive backs at Notre Dame. He then won nine of 22 games in two seasons at Eastern Michigan.

Now, he inherits a Louisville team coming off back-to-back winning seasons, packed with 15 returning starters and a favorable schedule.

OFFENSE: Schnellenberger was known as the guy who developed Jim Kelly, Bernie Kosar, Browning Nagle and Jeff Brohm. Cooper said that he, too, plans to throw the football. Senior Marty Lowe is primed for a monster senior season after completing 58.3 percent of his passes. But he needs to cut back on his 17 interceptions or he will be replaced by sophomore Jason Payne, a better athlete.

Anthony Shelman and Chris Fitzpatrick combined for 87 percent of Louisville's 1,336 rushing yards last season. They are gone, as is tight end Jamie Asher and his school-record 70 catches. But Cooper believes he can develop a powerful running game quickly because offensive line is the strongest position on this team. Tackle Roman Oben is an agile run/pass-blocker and certain pro material. Calvin Arrington, who ran for only 78 yards last season, gets first crack at replacing Shelman at halfback, but Cooper recruited four running backs.

DEFENSE: Cooper has coached at several Division I-A schools, including one stop in the Big Ten and at Notre Dame. He believes the group of linebackers who anchor his defense — Tyrus McCloud, Alan Campos and Johnny Frost — are as talented as any trio of linebackers in America.

They started every game last season and finished first, second and fourth on the team in tackles. "These three guys could play anywhere,"



PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Marty Lowe (Sr., 6-1, 201)*
RB: Calvin Arrington (Sr., 5-11, 194)
RB: Alvin Lloyd (Fr., 6-1, 188)
WR: Robert Bates (So., 6-2, 160)
WR: John Bell (So., 6-1, 181)*
TE: Mike Bogan (So., 6-3, 238)
LE: Roman Oben (Sr., 6-5, 290)*
LG: Shawn Kries (Sr., 5-11, 273)*
C: Jason Stinson (Sr., 6-4, 288)*
RG: Brenon Meadows (Jr., 6-3, 271)*
RE: Matt Johnson (Jr., 6-3, 296)

Jason Payne (Jr., 6-3, 198)
Frank Fountain (So., 6-0, 174)
Corey Saltee (Fr., 6-0, 189)
Miguel Montano (So., 5-10, 172)
Perise Birden (Sr., 5-4, 145)
Caswell Goodman (Fr., 6-4, 216)
Rick Nord (Fr., 6-5, 298)
Benjamin Hall (Fr., 6-5, 256)
Greg Hoffman (So., 6-4, 268)
Ivan Bennette (So., 6-4, 267)
James Pesavento (Fr., 6-4, 269)

DEFENSE

DE: Rondel Marsh (So., 6-4, 261)
DE: Alton Jones (Sr., 6-5, 275)*
DE: Derrick Lillard (Sr., 6-4, 311)*
DE: Antonio Bradwell (So., 6-3, 251)*
LB: Johnny Frost (Sr., 6-2, 243)*
LB: Tyrus McCloud (Jr., 6-2, 237)*
LB: Alan Campos (Sr., 6-3, 233)*
CB: Sam Madison (Jr., 5-11, 169)*
CB: Tony Bethel (Jr., 6-0, 178)*
SS: John Fuqua (So., 5-9, 190)
FS: Rico Clark (Jr., 5-10, 174)*

James Dennis (Fr., 6-4, 232)
Jeryl Tyson (Jr., 6-4, 291)
Ikem Maduaka-Cain (Fr., 6-3, 287)
Kendrick Gholston (So., 6-4, 250)
Ramon Bryant (So., 6-2, 224)
Gary Croley (So., 6-0, 221)
Terry Rice-Lockett (So., 6-3, 205)
Derran Willey (So., 5-11, 181)
Chris Pointer (So., 5-11, 176)
Antuan Wordlow (So., 6-2, 190)
Ed Pollock (Jr., 5-11, 179)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: David Akers (Jr., 5-11, 176)*
P: David Akers (Jr., 5-11, 176)

Kathy Klope (Sr., 5-7, 130)
Dan Durkin (Fr., 6-0, 179)

(* denotes returning starter)

Cooper said. "And I mean anywhere."

The secondary is also solid, returning cornerback Rico Clark, free safety Sam Madison and cornerback Tony Bethel. Look for John Fuqua, son of former Pittsburgh Steeler Frenchy Fuqua, to fill the fourth spot in the secondary.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Punter Brandon Brookfield must be replaced. Placekicker David Akers has a sometimes erratic leg. He made 26 of 27 extra-point tries, but was only eight for 13 on field goal attempts, missing two of less than 30 yards.

The kickoff return and the punt return teams must improve. The

Cards were last nationally in kickoff returns and 104th in punt returns.

RECRUITING: Cooper did an excellent job on short notice. Louisville needs immediate help at running back, and it could come from either Otis Floyd, a 6-foot-2 freshman from Southfield, Mich., who averaged six yards per carry, or Jason Wyatt, a member of the *Detroit News* Dream Team. Look for tight end Iln Green to play quickly as well as Mike Scott, a 6-7, 290-pound defensive lineman from L.A. Harbor Junior College.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Cardinal Stadium, Louisville, Ky. (39,000, artificial)
RETURNING STARTERS (16): Offense (6); Defense (9); Specialist (1).
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Anthony Shelman, HB; Jamie Asher, TE; Brandon Brookfield, P.

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Marty Lowe, Sr., 186-319-2,091 yards, 9 TDs, 17 INTs
RUSHING: Calvin Arrington, Sr., 17 carries, 78 yards, 1 TD
RECEIVING (catches): John Bell, So., 34, 1 TD
RECEIVING (yards): Bell, 473
TACKLES: Tyrus McCloud, Jr., 100
SACKS: Kendrick Gholston, So., 4
INTERCEPTIONS: Tony Bethel, Jr. and McCloud, 2 each
PUNTING: none
KICKING: David Akers, Jr., 8-13 FGs (long 51), 26-27 PATs
SCORING: Akers, 50 points

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 . . . at Kentucky
Sept. 9 . . . at Northern Illinois
Sept. 16 . . . MICHIGAN STATE
Sept. 21 . . . NORTH CAROLINA
Sept. 30 . . . at Memphis
Oct. 7 . . . at Southern Miss.
Oct. 14 . . . at Wyoming
Oct. 28 . . . MARYLAND
Nov. 4 . . . TULANE
Nov. 11 . . . N.E. LOUISIANA
Nov. 18 . . . NORTH TEXAS

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 5 . . . at Kentucky; lost, 20-14
Sept. 10 . . . at Texas; lost, 30-16
Sept. 17 . . . at Arizona St.; won, 25-22
Oct. 1 . . . PITT.; won, 33-29
Oct. 8 . . . N.C. STATE; won, 35-14
Oct. 15 . . . at Army; lost, 30-29
Oct. 22 . . . at Navy; won, 35-14
Oct. 29 . . . MEMPHIS; won, 10-6
Nov. 4 . . . BC; lost, 35-14
Nov. 12 . . . TEXAS A&M; lost, 26-10
Nov. 26 . . . TULSA; won, 34-27

MILESTONES

- Offensive tackle Roman Oben was voted first-team Gannett All America last season, as selected by NFL scouts.
- At 33, Ron Cooper is the youngest coach in I-A football.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- Quick, spirited transition to new coach Ron Cooper.
- Development of two dependable running backs to provide ball-control capabilities.
- Early wins over Michigan State and/or North Carolina could vault Cards into the Top 20.

By CHRIS HARRY

After back-to-back losing seasons, East Carolina rallied last fall to its first winning mark under Steve Logan and first bowl berth since 1991, when the Pirates went 11-1. Simply put, the future looks bright in Greenville, N.C.

The Pirates lost ECU career-rushing leader Junior Smith, who carried 226 times for 1,204 yards and nine touchdowns in 1994. But quarterback Marcus Crandell returns and, coupled with Logan's track record for producing well-balanced offensive attacks, the Pirates will make do.

ECU should once again be the team to beat in the low-budget Liberty Bowl Alliance, which includes the Pirates along with Tulane, Southern Mississippi, Memphis and Cincinnati. It won't be easy though, thanks to an ambitious first-half of the schedule which includes road dates at Tennessee, Syracuse and Illinois, as well as a home game with West Virginia. Should they survive, the Pirates will be a battle-toughened bunch heading into their Alliance games.

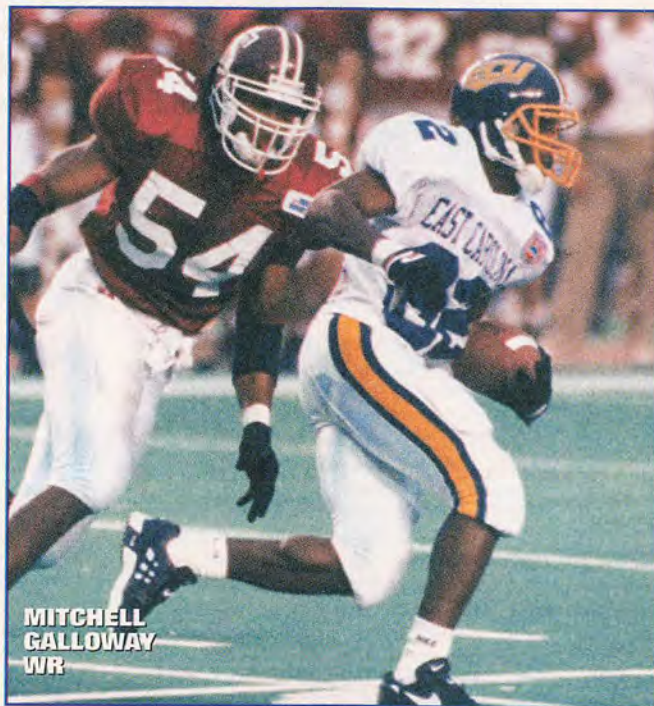
OFFENSE: As a sophomore, Crandell enjoyed one of the most productive seasons in school history. He ranked eighth in the NCAA in total offense at 253 yards per game, hitting 230 of 401 passes — a school-record 57.4 percent — for 2,687 yards and 21 touchdowns. Crandell now needs just 2,193 yards passing to surpass current Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Jeff Blake as the school's all-time leading passer. He is at his best in the short passing game, so Logan has tailored his three-wide receiver offense accordingly.

The hole left by Smith's departure is a huge one, but senior Jerris McPhail, who started six games at halfback as a sophomore, is bigger (205 pounds) and faster (4.41 in the 40) than Smith. McPhail carried 73 times for 335 yards in '94 and led the team in receptions with 34 in '93.

Nine different wide receivers or tight ends grabbed passes for the Pirates last season, led by sophomore flanker Jason Nichols (42 receptions, 450 yards, 2 touchdowns) and junior H-back Mitchell Galloway (36, 566, four TDs). Two other youngsters, sophomore Larry Shannon and junior Allen Williams, provide quality depth.

DEFENSE: Opposing offenses put up some huge numbers in '94, but last year's unit didn't compare to some past ECU defenses. In 1992, the Pirates defense ranked 101st out of 106 Division I-A teams in total defense. They vastly improved on that sour performance last fall, improving to 57th nationally despite surrendering 366.8 yards per game.

ECU played solidly against the run, holding foes to an average of



MITCHELL GALLOWAY
WR

PROJECTED TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE

QB: Marcus Crandell (Jr., 6-0, 198)*	Dan Gonzalez (So., 6-3, 205)
TB: Jerris McPhail (So., 6-0, 205)*	Scott Harley (Fr., 5-10, 203)
WR: Mitchell Galloway (Jr., 5-10, 159)*	Perez Mattison (Jr., 6-1, 185)
WR: Jason Nichols (So., 5-11, 171)*	Mike Sellers (Fr., 6-3, 185)
WR: Larry Shannon (So., 6-6, 200)	Linwood DeBrew (So., 5-11, 173)
TE: Scott Richards (Jr., 6-5, 241)	Sean Richardson (Jr., 6-5, 232)*
CE: Ron Suddith (Jr., 6-2, 292)*	Mike Sheehan (Fr., 6-6, 316)
LG: Jamie Gray (Jr., 6-2, 293)*	Jake Gilray (Jr., 6-4, 285)
C: Kevin Wiggins (Sr., 6-2, 264)*	Danny Moore (Fr., 6-5, 265)
RG: Lamont Burns (Jr., 6-5, 252)	Brian Nagy (So., 6-6, 277)
RE: Charles Boothe (Sr., 6-7, 284)	Shane McPherson (Jr., 6-3, 250)

DEFENSE

DE: Daniel Russ (Jr., 6-4, 235)	Jermaine Smith (Sr., 6-3, 217)
DE: Walter Scott (Sr., 6-3, 270)*	Chad Custer (Fr., 6-6, 263)
DE: Alphonso Collins (So., 6-3, 251)	Pedro Monteiro (So., 6-4, 260)
DE: Lorenzo West (Jr., 6-3, 243)*	Aaron Black (Sr., 6-4, 255)
LB: Morris Foreman (Sr., 6-1, 224)*	Matt Semenza (So., 6-2, 213)
LB: Mark Libiano (Sr., 6-3, 235)*	Carlos Brown (Fr., 6-1, 230)
LB: B.J. Crane (Jr., 6-1, 229)*	Marvin Burke (Jr., 6-1, 237)
CB: Dwight Henry (Jr., 5-11, 175)*	Deone McKeithan (Fr., 6-3, 184)
CB: Emmanuel McDaniel (Sr., 5-10, 167)*	David Crumie (Sr., 5-10, 174)
SS: Daren Hart (Jr., 5-10, 192)*	E.J. Gunthrope (Jr., 6-2, 212)
FS: David Hart (Jr., 5-10, 185)*	Andree Taylor (Jr., 5-9, 172)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Chad Holcomb (Jr., 6-2, 160)*	Matt Levine (So., 5-9, 195)
P: Matt Levine (So., 5-9, 195)*	Ed Crabtree (Jr., 5-11, 198)

(* denotes returning starter)

119 yards. With the loss of tackles John Krawczyk and Willie Brookins, much of the leadership burden will fall on junior defensive end Lorenzo West and inside linebacker Mark Libiano, the Pirates' leading tackler two years running.

Improved play in the secondary would do wonders, and the potential is there with the entire unit returning, keyed by Dwight Henry (76 tackles, three interceptions in '94).

SPECIAL TEAMS: The ECU coaching staff likes punter Matt Levine, who averaged 42.6 yards on 58 kicks last year. They like Levine so much that they plugged him in at placekicker at times last fall because

of the struggles of Chad Holcomb, who made just 6 of 13 field goal attempts. Levine didn't disappoint there either, making two of three field goals.

RECRUITING: The Pirates got what they needed most — bulk. Sixteen of the 22 incoming freshmen are linemen types, including one or two junior college players who could step in right away. The crown jewel of the incoming freshmen is wide receiver Troy Smith, who was recruited by Notre Dame but chose to stay home instead.

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FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, Greenville, N.C. (35,000, grass)

RETURNING STARTERS (19): Offense (8); Defense (9); Specialists (2).

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Junior Smith, RB; Willie Brookens, DE.

LEADING RETURNEE STATISTICS

PASSING: Marcus Crandell, Jr., 230-401-2,687 yards, 21 TDs, 15 INTs

RUSHING: Jerris McPhail, Sr., 73 carries, 335 yards, 2 TDs

RECEIVING (catches): Jason Nichols, So., 42, 2 TDs

RECEIVING (yards): Mitchell Galloway, Jr., 566 yards

TACKLES: Mark Libiano, Sr., 135

SACKS: Lorenzo West, So., 3

INTERCEPTIONS: Emmanuel McDaniel, Sr., 5

PUNTING: Matt Levine, So., 42.6 avg.

KICKING: Chad Holcomb, Jr., 6-13

FGs (long 42): 26-27 PATs

SCORING: Holcomb, 44 points

1995 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	.at Tennessee
Sept. 9	.at Syracuse
Sept. 16	.CENTRAL MICHIGAN
Sept. 23	.at Illinois
Sept. 30	.WEST VIRGINIA
Oct. 7	.at Cincinnati
Oct. 21	.TEMPLE
Oct. 28	.at Southern Mississippi
Nov. 4	.at Army
Nov. 11	.TULSA
Nov. 18	.MEMPHIS

1994 RESULTS

Sept. 10	.at Duke; lost, 13-10
Sept. 17	.at Temple; won, 31-14
Sept. 24	.SYRACUSE; lost, 28-21
Oct. 1	.S. MISS.; won, 31-10
Oct. 8	.at S. Carolina; won, 56-42
Oct. 15	.VIRGINIA TECH; lost, 27-20
Oct. 22	.at Tulsa; won, 28-21
Oct. 29	.CINCINNATI; won, 35-21
Nov. 5	.at Auburn; lost, 38-21
Nov. 12	.CENT. FLA.; won, 23-20
Nov. 19	.at Memphis; won, 30-6
Dec. 30	.vs. Illinois in Liberty Bowl; lost, 30-0

MILESTONE

■ Junior QB Marcus Crandell needs 2,193 passing yards to surpass Jeff Blake as the school's all-time leading passer.

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Develop a bread-and-butter back to replace Smith.
- ✓ Crandell (15 interceptions in '94) must cut down his miscues.
- ✓ Play bigger in the trenches, where Illinois dominated them in the Liberty Bowl.

SO. MISS GOLDEN EAGLES

FACTS

HOME STADIUM: M.M. Roberts Stadium, Hattiesburg, Miss., (33,000), grass)
RETURNING STARTERS (15): Offense (5); Defense (10)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Michael Tobias, DT; Mark Montgomery, WR
'94 RECORD: 6-5 overall

1995 SCHEDULE

S2 NORTHERN ILLINOIS; S9 at UAB; S16 at Utah State;
 S23 at Indiana; S30 TULANE; O7 LOUISVILLE; O14 at
 Cincinnati; O28 EAST CAROLINA; N4 at Tennessee; N11 at
 Memphis; N18 at Southwestern Louisiana.

COACH

Jeff Bower, 5th year, 19-25-1

USM coach Jeff Bower is always leery when people tell him how good his team could be. "If we can get some of our problems in the offensive and defensive lines shored up, I think we can play on a little higher level," Bower said.

One of Bower's immediate problems is his schedule. The Golden Eagles play seven road games, including three of their first four away from Hattiesburg.

The next step for USM is to be more than just a dangerous independent; the type of team that major conferences don't want to schedule for breathers. The Golden Eagles are already anything but a breath of fresh air.

OFFENSE: Mired in an offensive slump for the first six games last season, Southern Mississippi found an offensive spark from a most unlikely source, sophomore quarterback Heath Graham. Graham wallowed near the bottom of the depth chart at the start of last season, but his 1,603 passing yards demonstrated he knew how to get the offense moving. One thing will have to change this season — his touchdowns-to-interceptions ratio, which was seven to 15 a year ago.

Four of USM's five top receivers from last year are back and the Eagles also have senior tailback Chris Buckhalter, who busted loose for 814 yards in 1994. The line needs to be rebuilt, but the early season schedule has some softness, allowing USM to jell.

DEFENSE: Defense could carry the Eagles — there's no reason it shouldn't with 10 returning starters (eight of whom are seniors). While senior outside linebacker Eugene Harmon has been a steady performer throughout his career, topping out at 96 tackles last year, no one makes more big plays than defensive end Robert Brown. He was simply a force last year as a freshman — 13 of his 48 tackles were either sacks (eight for 44 yards) or tackles behind the line (five for 10 yards). USM also has one of the finest cover men in college football in cornerback Derrick Hervey. What he doesn't intercept (he had five picks in 1994) he breaks up (five last year).

RECRUITING: Bower recruited more JUCO transfers than usual but felt he had some immediate needs that had to be filled. He said some of the JUCO players who worked in spring ball showed promise, but he didn't want to commit any to starting positions yet.

By **RON HIGGINS**

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Heath Graham must mature and take what defenses give him.
- ✓ Defense has to live up to experience level.
- ✓ Must survive early-season road schedule.

MEMPHIS TIGERS

FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium, Memphis, Tenn., (62,380, grass)
RETURNING STARTERS (16): Offense (7); Defense (9)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Ken Irvin, CB
'94 RECORD: 6-5

1995 SCHEDULE

S2 at Miss. State; S9 at Michigan; S16 SW LOUISIANA;
 S23 at Arkansas; S30 LOUISVILLE; O14 at Tulane; O21 at
 Cincinnati; O28 TULSA; N4 MISSISSIPPI; N11 SOUTHERN
 MISS; N18 at East Carolina

COACH

Rip Scherer, 1st season

Last year, Memphis coach Chuck Stobart turned in his third straight 6-5 season, the first time the Tigers had three straight winning seasons since 1977. But when they lost to East Carolina in the final game of the regular season with a trip to the Liberty Bowl on the line, it was enough for the school to fire him.

School president Lane Rawlins went shopping for a personable coach who played a wide-open offense and could sell the program to the community. He found James Madison's Rip Scherer, who led the Dukes to the Division I-AA playoffs twice in four seasons. After the first few days of spring practice at Memphis, Scherer declared, "We're eons away from being any kind of football team, but I didn't expect us to be."

OFFENSE: The Tigers scored more than 20 points just twice last year. Against quality defenses, they were helpless. Stobart tried to play conservatively to keep games close enough for his stout defense to win. But his philosophy resulted in mediocre football.

Scherer likes a diversified offense, which means incumbent quarterback Joe Borich better enjoy running option plays as much as dropping back for passes. The Tigers have two top-notch runners in Frank Fletcher and Derrick Jones. Tight end Joel Peschke is happy about Scherer's wide-open attack. Exclusively a blocker under Stobart, Peschke caught 14 balls in the Tigers' first four spring scrimmages.

More ways need to be devised to get the ball to receiver Ryan Roskelly, who was the Tigers' leading receiver as well as the nation's ninth leading punt returner.

DEFENSE: Twice in the last three years, Memphis has ranked third nationally in total defense. This season shouldn't be any different. The defense is littered with returning starters, led by end Dan Bonner, cornerback Jerome Woods and linebacker Jesse Allen. Bonner has a solid track record as a pass rusher with seven sacks and 118 tackles. Allen is a tackling machine, making 128 stops last year. The worry for new coordinator Jim Fletcher is replacing such standouts as Ken Irvin in the secondary.

RECRUITING: Scherer signed five quarterbacks, the best of which is California junior college transfer Qadry Anderson. Fullback Kevin Anderson may also be a find; he was second last year in the state of Florida in rushing.

By **RON HIGGINS**

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Scherer must find a quarterback he's comfortable with.
- ✓ The defense has to be as unyielding as a year ago.
- ✓ Confidence has to be kept high after road openers at Mississippi State and Michigan.

TULSA GOLDEN HURRICANE

FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Skelly Stadium, Tulsa, Okla., (40,385, artificial)
RETURNING STARTERS (14): Offense (8); Defense (6)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Mike Haenszel, DB; Pat Denofrio, DT
'94 RECORD: 3-8

1995 SCHEDULE

S2 BAYLOR; S9 OKLAHOMA STATE; S16 at Texas A&M;
 S23 EAST TENNESSEE STATE; S30 at Louisiana Tech; O7
 WYOMING; O14 at UTEP; O28 at Memphis; N4 at BYU;
 N11 at East Carolina; N18 CINCINNATI

COACH

Dave Rader, 8th year, 34-44-1

A year ago, Tulsa lost its starting quarterback, Troy DeGar, in its first game with a knee injury. Tulsa had to rely on freshman John Fitzgerald and sophomore Tad Jones at the position.

That may have been the key to the season, because the Golden Hurricane had to scramble on offense. Although Tulsa beat Missouri in the season-opener, it lost four other games by seven points each. If they had won those games, the Hurricane would have been 7-4.

OFFENSE: Tulsa coach Dave Rader has the luxury of three quarterbacks who might be starters. DeGar comes back after the knee injury to vie for the starting spot. Fitzgerald and Jones also expect to be in the mix, although Fitzgerald could be redshirted.

Both 6-foot-3, 203-pound Fitzgerald and 6-2, 185-pound Jones are dropback passers, while DeGar can also run the ball. Fitzgerald and Jones combined to pass for nearly 2,200 yards last season.

Tulsa is strong at tailback with Solomon White (1,003 yards) and two highly regarded freshmen redshirts, Reggie Williams and Allen Blackmon. Junior Wes Caswell ranked fifth in the nation last season with six catches a game and 16th nationally in receiving yards per game (81.2). Michael Kedzior (581 yards, six touchdowns) is another inviting target.

The offensive line is anchored by an All-America candidate at center, David Millwee.

DEFENSE: Rader hopes to see great overall improvement in the defense, which gave up 10 more rushing touchdowns than its offense scored in 1994. Opposing teams averaged 4.3 yards per carry against the Golden Hurricane.

Plenty of experience returns at linebacker, which might be the strength of the defense. The team's leading tackler last season, linebacker Muadianita Kazadi (94 tackles), is back.

Tulsa also returns its fourth-leading tackler and top sacker, defensive end Sedric Clark. The secondary is up in the air with several players vying for starting spots. Senior cornerback Malcolm Williams made 81 tackles and deflected seven passes last season.

RECRUITING: Tulsa signed three running backs out of the state of Oklahoma, including Charlie Higgins, a tailback who led the state in rushing — 2,699 yards and 41 touchdowns — his senior year. Defensive back Earnest King from Hinds (Miss.) Junior College, could start in the secondary.

By **STEVE RICHARDSON**

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Must weather a tough opening three games against Baylor, Oklahoma State and Texas A&M.
- ✓ Must establish a stronger running game.
- ✓ Need to find one quarterback and stick with him.

CINCINNATI BEARCATS

FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Nippert, Cincinnati, Ohio, (36,000, artificial)
RETURNING STARTERS (17): Offense (8); Defense (9)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Reggie Hudson, LB; Paul Blackwood, FB; Jeff Blaylock, P
'94 Record: 2-8-1

1995 SCHEDULE

S2 at Kansas; S9 KANSAS ST.; S16 at Virginia Tech;
 S23 at Miami (OH); S30 TOLEDO; O7 E. CAROLINA;
 O14 S. MISSISSIPPI; O21 MEMPHIS; O28 at No. Illinois;
 N11 at Kentucky; N18 at Tulsa

COACH

Rick Minter, 2nd year, 2-8-1

Ground control will be the key to Cincinnati's success this season. The Bearcats rushed for just 1,517 yards in '94, compared to their opponents' 2,690. The result? A 2-8-1 record and their 11th losing season in 12 years.

Second-year head coach Rick Minter has seen better days. As the defensive coordinator for Notre Dame in 1993, he helped the Irish to an 11-1 record and a national runner-up finish, holding nine of the Irish's 11 opponents under 100 yards rushing. Now, Minter is trying to duplicate his past successes. He's recruited eight linebackers including JUCO standout transfers Jerry Ulysee and Belmar Turner.

A conference affiliation should help, too. After this season, Cincinnati will join with 11 other schools to form Conference USA. The hope is that joining a league will boost recruiting.

OFFENSE: The Bearcats have experience and depth on their side. The top seven receivers, who accounted for nearly 82 percent of the team's receptions last year, are back, led by juniors Anthony Ladd (35 catches, 446 yards) and Robert Tate (34 catches, 407 yards).

Seniors Eric Vibberts and Todd Preston will battle for the starting quarterback spot, though Vibberts 1994 numbers were better.

Senior Craedel Kimbrough and sophomore Jermaine Sturkie will try to bring life to a lackluster running game. Kimbrough averaged 4.3 yards per carry last year but had no touchdowns. Sturkie, a walk-on last season, ran for 228 yards and one touchdown on 44 carries.

DEFENSE: Nine starters return, including the entire secondary led by junior safety Sam Gaines (team-high 134 tackles). Senior Darrell Harding, who switched from tailback to corner prior to last season, is recovering from a shoulder injury but should be back strong.

The loss of outside linebacker Reggie Hudson, third on the team in tackles last year, will create a big void. However, the Bearcats do have sophomore Phillip Curry, the 1994 defensive Freshman of the Year among independents, who finished second on the team with 112 tackles.

RECRUITING: Cincinnati signed 22 newcomers to help fill a roster that lost 14 lettermen and 10 starters from last season. Eight recruits are junior college transfers, including three second-team JUCO All-Americans: Mike Ruddle (tight end), Steve Smith (punter) and Ulysee.

BY SUSAN VINELLA

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Finding a running game.
- ✓ Improvement on defense, especially against the run.
- ✓ Leadership and consistency with its senior quarterback.

TULANE GREEN WAVE

FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Louisiana Superdome, New Orleans, La. (69,065, artificial)
RETURNING STARTERS (18): Offense (9); Defense (8); Specialist (1)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Bart Baldwin, K; Erik Bruce, OL; Mike Staid, DT; Michael Smartt, LB
'94 RECORD: 1-10

1995 SCHEDULE

S2 MARYLAND; S9 WAKE FOREST; S16 at Rice; S30 at S. Mississippi; O7 at Mississippi; O14 MEMPHIS; O21 at TCU; O28 SW LOUISIANA; N4 at Louisville; N11 Rutgers; N18 at Navy

COACH

Buddy Teevens, 4th year, 6-28; 45-59-2 overall

Instead of trophies, Tulane head coach Buddy Teevens should have passed out shaving cream and razors to his players at last year's team banquet. His starting lineup was so young, one had to wonder if they had even started to shave yet.

En route to a 1-10 record last season, 15 players made their first-ever career starts and a total of 22 players made their debuts with the Green Wave program. Six true freshman saw playing time.

"Weekend after weekend last year, we had players stepping out on a college football field for the first time. They had to grow up quickly," Teevens said.

The good news is that those youngsters are a year older and, hopefully, a year wiser. The Green Wave has the numbers to make amends for last year's record, with a total of 18 starters returning.

OFFENSE: It's no secret — the Green Wave has to pump up its offensive firepower if Teevens plans to boost the left hand side of the won-lost column. Last year, Tulane was blanked three times and scored fewer than 15 points in all but three games.

Jerald Sowell will touch the football plenty of times each game. As a true freshman in 1993, he led the team in rushing and returned to form last year with 596 yards on 154 carries and earned All-Independents honors to boot. Sowell's 1994 yardage total was the highest for a Tulane player since 1991.

Junior wide receiver Derrick Franklin could bid for postseason honors after leading the club with 43 catches for 436 yards and two touchdowns. Senior quarterback Tracey Watts (197 completions, 895 yards, four TDs) returns, and the entire starting unit up front is back, including third-team All-Independent sophomore tight end Corey Geason.

DEFENSE: First, the bad news. All-America linebacker Michael Staid has graduated after leading the team in tackles (100) for the fourth straight season. The good news is in the secondary, where a pair of All-America candidates — 6-foot, 186-pound senior Cedric Anderson and 5-10, 180-pound junior Jeff Ligon — will start.

Ligon could also be one of the nation's best at returning kickoffs this season. Six other defensive starters are also back.

RECRUITING: The Green Wave used a lot of freshmen and this season could be more of the same. Teevens and staff had what he terms, "the best group of signees we've had right across the board."

By O.K. DAVIS

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Get the ball in Sowell's hands as much as possible.
- ✓ Improve turnover ratio.
- ✓ Improve overall defensive consistency.

ARMY CADETS

FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Michie Stadium, West Point, N.Y. (39,929, artificial)
RETURNING STARTERS (13): Offense (6); Defense (7)
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Joe Ross, FB; Kevin Vaughn, HB; Mark Keels, DB; Mark Houston, P; Kurt Weiss, K; Pat Work, LB; Jon Kerr, DT
'94 RECORD: 4-7

1995 SCHEDULE

S9 LEHIGH; S16 DUKE; S23 at Washington; S30 RICE; O14 vs. Notre Dame at Giants Stadium; O21 at Boston College; O28 COLGATE; N4 EAST CAROLINA; N11 at Air Force; N18 BUCKNELL; D2 vs. Navy in Philadelphia

COACH

Bob Sutton, 5th year, 19-25

The trouble never ceased for the Black Knights a season ago. There were injuries and trouble with the law, and everything conspired to make the '94 football season an utter disappointment.

The original starters missed 38 percent of the season, and offensive skill players missed 63 percent of their possible playing time. Through it all, Army lost four games by a combined 15 points and finished 4-7 overall. For fourth-year head coach Bob Sutton, this is expected to be the season to determine his future.

OFFENSE: The offense was simply decimated a season ago. Akili King, one of the East's most talented backs, was lost with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee, and two starters — split end Ron Thomas and halfback Mike Robinson — were suspended for the final three games for touching female cadets at a pep rally.

Nevertheless, King, who rushed for 883 yards as a sophomore, is expected to return, and Thomas, who caught 23 passes for a 10.5-yards-per catch average, has been reinstated. Ron Leshinsky (14 catches, three TDs) is a talented receiver, too.

The Black Knights have an immense offensive line. Now, they need quarterback Ronnie McAda to evolve. A Jayvee to begin his sophomore season, McAda became an effective varsity starter after two upperclassmen were injured.

DEFENSE: The Army secondary could be the best the program has seen in years. There are stoppers and playmakers, and it's a reason why the Black Knights could be tough to score on this year. Senior free safety Jim Cantelupe, who had three interceptions and 99 tackles before a season-ending injury, was an ECAC I-A all-star.

The linebacking corps could be problematic. With top defender Pat Work (119 tackles) gone, everything is thrust upon Ben Kotwica and Brian Tucker.

On special teams, the Black Knights are trying to replace punter Mark Houston, who finished among the top 40 in the nation last year, and kick-off returner Dondra Jolley, who averaged 19.9 yards per return, including a long of 61 yards. Standout Derek Klein's graduation has opened the door for sophomore placekicker Chris McQuillan, who handled only kickoffs last season.

RECRUITING: Service academies aren't allowed to comment on recruits until late summer.

By ADRIAN WOJNAROWSKI

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ The return of a healthy and productive Akili King.
- ✓ The emergence of a young linebacker corps.
- ✓ Kicking game, which had thrived, must regenerate itself with new players.

NAVY MIDSHIPMEN

FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Navy-Marine Corps Stadium, Annapolis, Md. (30,000, grass)

RETURNING STARTERS (15): Offense (7); Defense (8)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Jim Kubiak, QB; Shane Halloran, LB
'94 RECORD: 3-8

1995 SCHEDULE

S9 at SMU; S16 at Rutgers; S23 WAKE FOREST; S30 at Duke; O7 VIRGINIA TECH; O14 AIR FORCE; O21 VILLANOVA; N4 at Notre Dame; N11 DELAWARE; N18 TULANE; D2 vs. Army in Philadelphia.

COACH

Charlie Weatherbie, 1st year

Charlie Weatherbie longed to coach for a military academy again. His six seasons as an assistant with the Air Force Academy were some of the most exhilarating of his career, and even with a head coaching job at Utah State, a Big West school, Weatherbie wanted a chance to resurrect the Naval Academy's program.

Nevertheless, Weatherbie inherits a losing program, and, as he did over three seasons with Utah State, it will be his mandate to turn it into a winner. Coaching at a military academy before has taught him this lesson: Commitment and tenacity are never a problem for the Cadets. It is already ingrained in them. Without it, they wouldn't have gotten an appointment.

"The attitude of working hard is not enough," Weatherbie said. "We've got to find a way to win. There's already a natural built-in leadership and discipline with our players, and we have to piggyback on those and carry it into football."

OFFENSE: Weatherbie has an ambitious agenda for the future of the Naval Academy's offense: It's going to employ the spread offense — a version of the run-and-shoot.

The Midshipmen return most of their skill position players, including the backfield of Omar Nelson and Monty Williams, who combined for 385 yards on the ground a year ago. Unfortunately, they were a part of the worst rushing offense in Division I-A at 55.7 yards per game.

The trouble for Navy could be at quarterback. The Middies lost one of their best ever in Jim Kubiak, who completed 52 percent of his passes for 2,388 yards. Ben Fay, who passed only 11 times a year ago, appears to be the heir apparent.

DEFENSE: Three of Navy's top tacklers were defensive backs a season ago — Andy Thompson (112), Joe Speed (94) and Chris Hart (82) — which tells you something about the trouble across the Navy defensive front. Each is back and Navy has a couple of linebackers in Clint Bruce and Fernando Harris who could be formidable players.

The return of punter Brian Schrum should also help. He averaged just over 40 yards per punt last season.

RECRUITING: Naval Academy doesn't release names of recruits until Congressional Appointments are issued after press time.

By ADRIAN WOJNAROWSKI

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Quarterback Ben Fay has to make strong contributions despite inexperience.
- ✓ Defensive line cannot give up 2,400 yards on ground again.
- ✓ Navy's running game must become more consistent.

NE LOUISIANA INDIANS

FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Malone Stadium, Monroe, La. (30,427, grass)

RETURNING STARTERS (16): Offense (10); Defense (6)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Brian Lambert, P; Roger Miller, PK; Damon Poage, LB; Conrad Clarks, DB; Shawn King, DT
'94 RECORD: 3-8

1995 SCHEDULE

S2 at Fresno State; S9 NICHOLLS STATE; S16 at Colorado; S23 at Auburn; S30 at Mississippi St.; O7 at Nevada; O21 at Arkansas State; N4 NORTHWESTERN LA.; N11 at Louisville; N18 NORTH TEXAS

COACH

Ed Zaunbrecher, 2nd year, 3-8

Thank goodness that first year is behind us. That's probably what head coach Ed Zaunbrecher and his Northeast Louisiana staff is thinking these days as they ready for the school's second year in Division I-A. To say the least, their first season in the NCAA's highest classification was a learning experience. Playing what was deemed one of the nation's most difficult schedule, NLU went 3-8 and was outscored by a margin of nearly 15 points per game.

The opposition — which included Colorado, Auburn, Georgia and BYU — averaged nearly 35 points per game. But it wasn't all bad news. The Indians won two of their final three games, including a 21-14 stunner over Kentucky.

"Sure, there were tough moments," Zaunbrecher said. "But I think by the time the season had ended, we were a mature, confident football team."

OFFENSE: The Indians' attack should take a "step" in the right direction this year. That's because Stepfret Williams returns at wide receiver. The 6-2, 170-pound senior was named the MVP of the All-Independent team after setting a single-season school mark for receiving yards (1,106).

"He's a gamebreaker with the ability to make so many things happen after he catches the football," Zaunbrecher said. "It's no secret. We want to get the ball in his hands."

A familiar face will again be throwing the ball to him. Junior Raymond Philyaw was 33rd in the nation in passing efficiency (131.2 ypg.) and 47th in total offense (180.7).

DEFENSE: The Indians will need to improve drastically on defense this year after giving up 384 points last season. Both the secondary and the defensive line need major rebuilding. The lone returning starter on the interior line is senior defensive tackle Robert Smith, who was sixth on the team in tackles (52). The two returnees in the secondary are senior cornerback Terrace Dunbar (47 tackles) and junior free safety Alonzo Hampton (57).

RECRUITING: The Indians stayed close to home to enjoy one of the best recruiting hauls ever. Of the 23 players signed, 17 hailed from Louisiana.

Among the best of the homegrown products are 250-pound offensive lineman Brian Garrett, quarterback Bo Meeks, 240-pound center John Medlin, and 265-pound offensive lineman Shane Pittard.

By O.K. DAVIS

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Rebuilding offensive and defensive lines.
- ✓ Establishing quality depth.
- ✓ Finding a receiver to complement Williams.

NORTH TEXAS GREEN EAGLES

FACTS

HOME STADIUM: Fouts Field, Denton, Texas (30,500, artificial)

RETURNING STARTERS (10): Offense (4); Defense (6)

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Mitch Maher, QB (Southland Conference Player of the Year); David Brown, WR (1st-team All-SLC); Luis Silva, TE (1st-team All-SLC)
'94 RECORD: 7-4-1 overall (5-0-1 Conf.)

1995 SCHEDULE

S2 at Missouri; S9 KANSAS (Texas Stadium); S16 OREGON STATE; S23 at Oklahoma; O7 at Nevada; O14 ALABAMA-BIRM.; O21 at LSU; O28 at Alabama; N4 at UNLV; N11 IDAHO STATE; N18 at Louisville

COACH

Matt Simon, 2nd year, 7-4-1

Coming off a Southland Conference championship season, North Texas coach Matt Simon is encouraging players to view success a little differently this year.

"It's critical to not evaluate everything based on whether we won or lost," said Simon, whose team makes the jump to Division I-A after a 7-4-1 mark and a first-round loss in the I-AA playoffs a year ago. "We recognize we have some challenges ahead, trying to compete at the highest level of college football. One of the real secrets for us is learning to be competitive, every single down, at this level before we learn to win."

Simon's squad will be operating as a Division I-A independent for one season before joining the Big West Conference in 1996.

OFFENSE: Without quarterback Mitch Maher, Simon hopes to balance an attack that relied heavily on Maher's right arm. Maher accounted for 80.8 percent of the Eagles' offensive yards last season, most of them through the air.

Whether tailbacks James "Hut" Allred, Bo Harrison and Cedric Cromer have the credentials to breathe life into a dormant ground game remains to be seen. Allred (59 carries, 255 yards in four games) figures to get first crack, although Simon will take a long look at incoming freshman Starksy Banks.

Promising wide receivers return in Troy Redwine (49 catches, 811 yards), Brian Smith (22 catches, 228 yards) and Vertis McKinney (11 catches, 121 yards).

DEFENSE: The player to watch is Willis Hudson, who, in Simon's estimation, "could be a force at the I-A level." Hudson (6-1, 250) recorded 81 tackles and 14.5 sacks from his defensive end spot a year ago. He also forced three fumbles and recovered five.

Simon hopes to get immediate production up front from junior college signees Scott Murphy and Aaron Grinstead. Help in the defensive backfield will come from incoming freshmen, as well as incumbent cornerbacks Gerald Farley (79 tackles) and Kelon Wilson.

RECRUITING: In addition to JUCO transfers Murphy and Grinstead, Simon looks forward to working Banks (6-2, 217) into the tailback rotation. He rushed for 1,370 yards as a high school senior and, in Simon's estimation, "could put the fear of God in a defense."

By JIMMY BURCH

GRIESE'S 3 KEYS

- ✓ Find a new quarterback.
- ✓ Immediate contributions from more than half of UNT's 24-member signing class.
- ✓ Improve a negative turnover/take-away ratio (minus-4).

BIG WEST



Nevada's Alex Van Dyke caught 98 passes for 1,246 yards last season.

By ANDY KATZ

Few coaches can grasp the concept of the Big West Conference. The western teams are dominated by wide-open offenses, while the eastern teams tend to rely on stingy defenses.

None are secure with the future. San Jose State and Nevada-Las Vegas are leaving for the Western Athletic Conference after this season. Idaho and Boise State will join the Big West in 1996.

If there is a certainty floating around this vast league, it is that Nevada is the clear favorite for the 1995 title. The Wolf Pack have the Big West's most potent offense and, perhaps, the nation's most productive offense. Last season, the Wolf Pack were second nationally to Penn State with 507.4 yards offensively. Senior quarterback Mike Maxwell is back. So, too, is his favorite receiver, senior Alex Van Dyke.

After the Wolf Pack, the race is wide open. Northern Illinois' defense could push the Huskies into second, but Southwestern Louisiana, which has tied for the title two straight seasons, also has enough experience to vie for second-place.

Pacific and New Mexico State have enough talent offensively to make a run at a top-three spot, and don't count out sleepers Utah State, Louisiana Tech and last season's champion, Nevada-Las Vegas. All three are capable of moving up from the bottom half of the standings.

1. NEVADA Wolf Pack

COACH: Chris Ault, 19th year, 154-60-1

'94 RECORD: 9-2 (5-1 Conf.)

STADIUM/LOCATION: Mackay Stadium (31,545), Reno, Nev.

KEY PLAYERS LOSE: Marcellus Christon, RB (1st-team All-Big West); Martin Washington, DL (1st-team All-Big West); Armando Avina, P (1st-team All-Big West); Jeff Kondra, DL (2nd-team All-Big West); Mark Welker, OG (2nd-team All-Big West)

RETURNING STARTERS (11): Offense (6); Defense (5)

OVERVIEW: The Wolf Pack had won seven straight games and were 5-0 in the Big West. A sure bet for a bowl? Only if they had beaten rival Nevada-Las Vegas in the season finale. The Wolf Pack lost the game, 32-27, and the tiebreaker to UNLV for the Big West's bowl berth. An impressive 9-2 record got the Wolf Pack nothing.

"We were bitterly disappointed," Nevada coach Chris Ault said. "All we can do is build on that last loss."

Ault doesn't need to construct much. Nevada returns the conference's '94 offensive player of the year in Maxwell. Maxwell, whose first year as a starter was mind-boggling, led the country in total offense (318 yards per game) as well as in passing (24.64 completions per game), and tied for the lead in touchdowns (29). He was also 17th in the nation in passing efficiency and threw for 3,537 yards. Van Dyke led the nation with 8.9 completions a game.

"I know we'll be a contender," Ault modestly said. "We've got a good nucleus to compete for the championship."

Nevada lost its top back and must replace two players on the offensive line, but the Wolf Pack should still be one of the top offenses in the country again. Nevada had the second most prolific passing offense (329.5 yards a game) and the third most productive offense (37.6 points a game) in the nation last season.

"Our players have been executing well, and we've been very fortunate to have players who have adapted to the system well," Ault said.

The concerns lie on the defensive line, secondary and kicking game. Redshirt freshmen and sophomores will dominate the defensive front, while the secondary will likely be anchored by JUCO All America defensive back Mike Guider (College of the Siskiyous). Nevada's defense was fifth in the Big West last season, allowing 369.6 yards a game.

2. SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA Ragin' Cajuns

COACH: Nelson Stokely, 9th year, 48-50-1

'94 RECORD: 6-5 (5-1 Conf.)

STADIUM/LOCATION: Cajun Field (31,000), Lafayette, La.

KEY PLAYERS LOSE: Orlando Thomas, S (1st-team All-Big West); Fernando Thomas, CB (1st-team All-Big West); Patrice Alexander, ILB (1st-team All-Big West)

RETURNING STARTERS (17): Offense (9); Defense (6); Specialists (2)

OVERVIEW: A tie for the championship... two years in a row. It sounds nice, and it certainly could be a good recruiting tool. But can Coach Nelson Stokely show a recruit a bowl ring from either season? No. A season-opening loss to Utah State in '93 and a humbling defeat at San Jose State in the second Big West game last season cost the Cajuns a chance to win the Big West title outright.

"Our goal is to get over the hump and get to Las Vegas," Stokely said. "Overall, we've been the best team in the conference, but we haven't taken care of business early."

Guess what? The Cajuns open up the 1995

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

1. NEVADA
2. SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA
3. NORTHERN ILLINOIS
4. PACIFIC
5. NEW MEXICO STATE
6. LOUISIANA TECH
7. UNLV
8. UTAH STATE
9. SAN JOSE STATE
10. ARKANSAS STATE

Preseason All-Big West Team

OFFENSE

QB	Mike Maxwell, Nevada	6-4	200	Sr.
RB	Joe Abdullah, Pacific	6-0	210	Sr.
RB	Kenyon Cotton, USL	6-0	250	Jr.
WR	Lucious Davis, NMSU	5-11	170	Sr.
WR	Alex Van Dyke, Nevada	6-1	200	Sr.
TE	Sean Manuel, NMSU	6-3	245	Sr.
OL	Mike Rockwood, Nevada	7-0	310	Sr.
OL	Keno Hills, USL	6-6	302	Sr.
OL	Robbie Morrison, UNLV	6-4	290	Sr.
OL	Sam Heinen, USL	6-4	300	Sr.
C	Mike Sutherland, NIU	6-1	290	Jr.

DEFENSE

DL	Jeff Mitchell, USL	6-0	240	Sr.
DL	C.J. Rose, NIU	6-2	250	Sr.
DL	Hollis Thomas, NIU	6-1	300	Sr.
DL	Clifton Sylvester, USL	6-2	290	Sr.
LB	Mandel Hester, NIU	5-11	240	Sr.
LB	Rossie Johnson, UNLV	6-4	245	Sr.
LB	Deshone Myles, Nevada	6-3	215	So.
DB	Willie Smith, La. Tech	5-10	175	Jr.
DB	Darnell Hasson, Nevada	6-0	175	Jr.
DB	Cedric Walton, NMSU	5-9	293	Sr.
DB	Tim Sensley, USL	5-9	170	Sr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

K	Mike Shafer, USL	5-10	170	Sr.
P	Kyle Richardson, Ark. St.	6-2	190	Sr.
RS	Kevin Alexander, Utah St.	5-10	171	Sr.



PLAYER OF THE YEAR

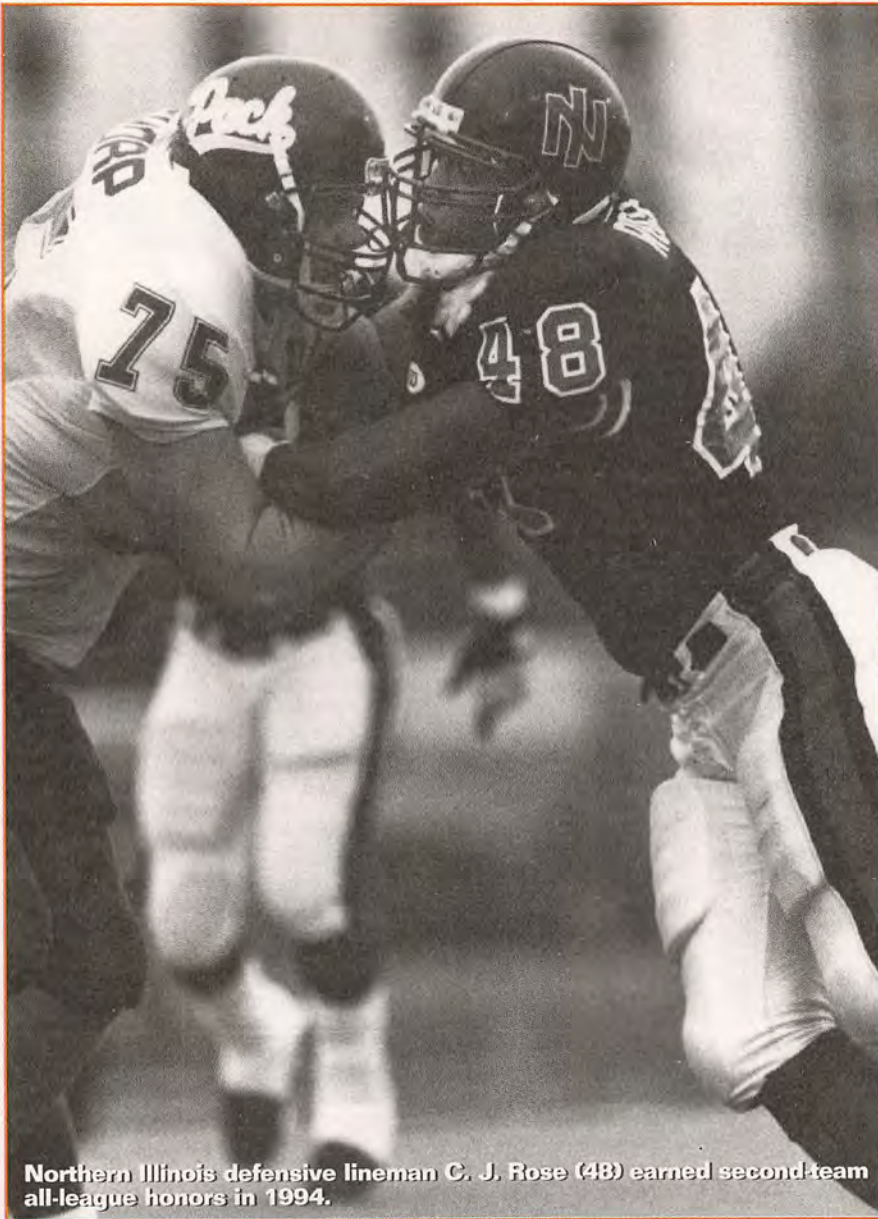
Mike Maxwell, QB, Nevada

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Desmond Nunnery, LB, Louisiana Tech

season at Nevada.

The irony is that the Cajuns might match the Wolf Pack at their strength — offense. USL rose to the top of the Big West by virtue of its defense the past two seasons. The Cajuns tied for 13th in the nation in total defense last season, and their passing defense was second. However, a pair of standouts in free safety Orlando Thomas and cornerback Fernando Thomas are gone. "You don't replace them,"



Northern Illinois defensive lineman C. J. Rose (48) earned second-team all-league honors in 1994.

Stokely said. "It's impossible. I don't know if we can play defense like we have in the past."

The secondary and linebackers are a question, while the defensive line is solid with All-Big West senior defensive tackle Clifton Sylvester (42 tackles) up front.

"But we may have the best offense we've ever had here," says Stokely.

That's because he has a proven running back in junior Kenyon Cotton (547 rushing yards, six TDs) and junior quarterback Jake Delhomme (119 of 259 for 1,712 yards).

3. NORTHERN ILLINOIS Huskies

COACH: Charlie Sadler, 5th year, 15-29

'94 RECORD: 4-7 (3-3 Conf.)

STADIUM/LOCATION: Huskie Stadium (30,998), DeKalb, Ill.

KEY PLAYERS LOSE: Brian Grimes, RB (2nd-team All-Big West); Chris O'Neal, C (2nd-team All-Big West); Gerald Nickelberry, ILB (2nd-team All-Big West)

RETURNING STARTERS (15): Offense (6); Defense (7); Specialists (2)

OVERVIEW: USL proved in '94 that defense can get you a piece of the Big West title, and Northern Illinois has a chance to follow the Cajuns' path. The Huskies clearly have the top

defense in the Big West, led by second-team All-Big West senior returnees C.J. Rose and Hollis Thomas on the front line.

"We think we'll have the opportunity (to win the league)," Huskies coach Charlie Sadler said.

The Huskies' defense was fourth overall in the Big West but second against the run. NIU returns two of its three linebackers and one of its four defensive backs.

The Huskies didn't struggle to score points late in the season. They won their final two Big West games and were four total points away from upsetting Vanderbilt and Arkansas. A failed two-point conversion cost the Huskies the Vanderbilt game, and a fourth-quarter collapse led to the three-point loss at Arkansas.

The Huskies proved they could play defense with the majors, but they also showed they can run the football without LeShon Johnson. One season removed from Johnson, the Huskies rushed for 228.7 yards a game — good for 14th in the nation. While the Huskies lost their top two rushers, Sadler is convinced that senior flankerback Otha

Brooks, sophomore tailback Justin Knapp and junior fullback Charles Talley will allow NIU to be one of the top rushing teams in the Big West again.

Senior quarterback Aaron Gilbert, second to Maxwell in Big West passing efficiency, returns and is secure behind a massive offensive line. Sophomore Jamie Macdonald's 6-foot-5, 343-pound frame anchors the left tackle spot while the other side is held by 6-4, 297-pound senior Derek Sholdice. All-Big West junior guard Mike Sutherland is being moved to center. The Huskies also added speed at receiver to give Gilbert more options.

4. PACIFIC Tigers

COACH: Chuck Shelton, 4th year, 12-21

'94 RECORD: 6-5 (4-2 Conf.)

STADIUM/LOCATION: Stagg Memorial Stadium (30,153), Stockton, Calif.

KEY PLAYERS LOSE: Aaron McClellan, C (1st-team All-Big West); Jami Anderson, OLB (1st-team All-Big West); Jeff Russell, S (1st-team All-Big West); Craig Whelihan, QB (2nd-team All-Big West); Charles Miller, DL (2nd-team All-Big West); Duane Thomas, S (2nd-team All-Big West)

RETURNING STARTERS (16): Offense (10); Defense (5); Specialists (1)

OVERVIEW: Forget about the opener at Arizona. Block out the road game in late September to Nebraska and erase from your memory the October trip to Oregon. If the Tigers can remain healthy in these brutal trips outside the Big West, they'll have a chance to contend for the conference title.

Pacific is a legitimate sleeper pick based on the return of senior tailback Joe Abdullah, the third-best rusher in the Big West last season with 1,070 yards. A versatile back who caught 49 passes for 434 yards, Abdullah's abilities were on full display in last year's game against Arkansas State. Abdullah carried 36 times for 272 yards against the Indians and had nine receptions for 52 yards.

"We think we've got more tools than we've ever had," Tigers coach Chuck Shelton said.

The Tigers return the Big West's fifth-best receiver from a year ago — senior Eric Atkins (46 catches, 656 yards, five TDs). Shelton believes the offensive line will be the "best it's ever been," but who will be the quarterback to put it all together? The Tigers lost Craig Whelihan, so the starter could be either senior Nick Sellers, who threw for 282 yards and two touchdowns in two starts last season, or JUCO transfer Chad Fotheringham.

The defensive line, linebackers and secondary could use more seasoning, but Shelton believes the Tigers could improve upon their sixth-rated defense in the Big West last season.

While Shelton is taking a risk by playing so many major programs early, he could wind up helping the Tigers' quest for a top-four finish. Pacific doesn't play a conference game until Oct. 14, allowing for greater development of a quarterback and an untested defense.

5. NEW MEXICO STATE Aggies

COACH: Jim Hess, 6th year, 17-38

'94 RECORD: 3-8 (2-4 Conf.)

STADIUM/LOCATION: Aggie Memorial Stadium (30,343), Las Cruces, N.M.

KEY PLAYERS LOSE: Tony Gray, ILB (1st-team All-Big West); Parrish Foster, RS (2nd-team All-Big West)

RETURNING STARTERS (16): Offense (6); Defense (7); Specialists (3)

OVERVIEW: The Aggies have some of the top skill players in All-Big West senior candidates Lucious Davis at wide receiver and Sean Manuel at tight end. Davis was third in the Big West and Manuel 10th in receiving yards.

BIG WEST

Davis is also a candidate, albeit a distant second to Maxwell, for offensive player of the year. Quarterback Cody Ledbetter, who threw for 1,578 yards and 11 touchdowns in seven starts last season before breaking his thumb, and senior safety Cedric Walton are legitimate All-Big West candidates. Ledbetter gives the Aggies a threat passing and running the ball, and his mobility is aided by a veteran offensive line which returns three of five starters. The Aggies' passing offense was third in the Big West and 22nd in the nation with an average of 245.5 yards a game.

A healthy Ledbetter could pose a serious challenge to Maxwell for the top passing honors.

The Aggies return seven starters on defense, but it's a unit which ranked ninth in the Big West, giving up an average of 444.8 yards a game. The Aggies had only eight sacks last season, and the secondary had only seven interceptions. Replacing the Aggies' top two linebackers is also a cause for concern. So, too, is finding a capable kicker.

6. LOUISIANA TECH Bulldogs

COACH: Joe Raymond Peace, 8th year, 35-38-4

'94 RECORD: 3-8 (1-5 Conf.)

STADIUM/LOCATION: Joe Aillet Stadium (30,600), Ruston, La.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: OLB Fred Price (1st-team Big West) and RB Jason Cooper (1st-team Big West)

RETURNING STARTERS (16): Offense (8); Defense (6); Specialists (2)

OVERVIEW: Disregard the poor finish last season. The Bulldogs are primed to move up the ladder in the Big West.

"It'll depend on our leadership, but we can finish up there," Coach Joe Raymond Peace said.

The Bulldogs return three of five starters on the offensive line, both receivers, the tight end and junior quarterback Jason Martin, who threw for 1,882 yards last season. The Bulldogs lost running back Jason Cooper, who was second in the Big West and 23rd in the nation in rushing, to graduation, but Peace seems confident the depth at running back will fill the void left by Cooper.

Tech had the second stingiest defense in the Big West, giving up 349 yards a game. Two starters on the defensive line, two at linebacker and one in the secondary return for the Bulldogs. The secondary has Peace the most concerned, but experienced senior right end Keith Washington and senior linebackers Shannon Jenkins and Lance Reed are reasons enough for optimism. The need for speed at receiver, consistency from Martin and a more productive pass rush from the secondary are critical to the Bulldogs' success.

7. UNLV Runnin' Rebels

COACH: Jeff Horton, 3rd year, 14-9

'94 RECORD: 7-5 (5-1 Conf.)

STADIUM/LOCATION: Sam Boyd Stadium (32,000), Las Vegas, Nev.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Howie McGowan, OG (1st-team All-Big West);

Randy Gatewood, WR (1st-team All-Big West); Mark Byers, DL

(1st-team All-Big West); Keith Washington, DL (1st-team All-Big

West); Nick Garritano, K (1st-team All-Big West); Henry Bailey,

WR (2nd-team All-Big West); Keith Clough, ILB (2nd-team All-Big

West); Rodney Maxion, S (2nd-team All-Big West)

RETURNING STARTERS (10): Offense (5); Defense (3); Specialists (2)

OVERVIEW: The emphasis might have begun to shift — just a bit — from basketball to football. While the men's hoops program suffered another



New Mexico State's Lucious Davis caught 54 passes for 985 yards and 11 TDs last season.

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Nevada senior quarterback Mike Maxwell led the nation in total offense in '94 (318 ypg).

embarrassing season, the football team claimed its place atop the UNLV food chain when the Runnin' Rebels defied preseason predictions of a lower-division finish by winning the Big West title and the Las Vegas Bowl.

"We're really preparing for the WAC in '96," UNLV coach Jeff Horton said. "There's a different attitude around town that football has a chance to hold its own. It's been the only sport at UNLV that hasn't been successful for a long time."

Now, Horton has to hope the Vegas fans are patient. The Rebels had 24 seniors on last season's championship team. The offensive line is anchored by All-Big West candidate Robbie Morrison, one of three starters returning up front. The Rebels also return good hands with senior tight end David White and a deep threat in receiver Demond Thompkins.

Either senior Jason Davis or senior Jared Brown will throw to them. The pair split the quarterback job last season and combined for 2,693 passing yards. The Rebels are secure at running back with sophomore DeJohn Branch, who rushed for 161 yards on 26 carries in the bowl-clinching win over Nevada.

The pressing concern is in the secondary, where no one reliable has emerged yet. While there could be a host of redshirt freshmen on defense, the Rebels possess two of the league's most active defenders — senior nose guard

Paul Carrillo and senior line-backer Rossie Johnson.

8. UTAH STATE Aggies

COACH: John L. Smith, 1st year
'94 RECORD: 3-8 (2-4 Conf.)
STADIUM/LOCATION: Romney Stadium (30,257), Logan, Utah
KEY PLAYERS LOSE: Donald Toomer, CB (1st-team All-Big West); Paul Gustafson, OLB (2nd-team All-Big West)
RETURNING STARTERS (15): Offense (9); Defense (4); Specialists (2)

OVERVIEW: Two seasons ago, the Utags were hoisting the Las Vegas Bowl trophy at Sam Boyd Stadium. Last season, they finished with a 3-8 record. Since then, Charlie Weatherbie has departed and John L. Smith has taken over as head coach after spending six seasons at Idaho.

"The biggest thing for us is to be mentally tough," Smith said. "But we do have a lot of question marks."

Quarterback is at the top of the list. Smith said the job is open, despite the return of junior Matt Wells, who played in 11 games and threw for 1,812 yards. The Utags, however, have two of the leagues more potent offensive threats in senior running back Abu Wilson and senior receiver Kevin Alexander. Both are returning All-Big West performers and give Smith an immediate foundation. The offensive line could be the most experienced unit in the league with four starters returning.

"But we're still not as big and mature as we'd like to be up there," Smith added.

Smith doesn't even want to discuss the secondary. He knows the Big West is a conference built on the pass, and, after the Utags lost all four defensive backs, he questions whether he'll have anyone to knock down one. Smith is looking for immediate help from the JUCO ranks.

"That'll determine how much man we'll play and how much zone we can play," he said. "What we need is speed, and we don't have much of it."

The defensive line lacks the needed size to be truly effective. Smith said he harbors hope for Mission returnee Walter Fiebia to stabilize the unit. Only one linebacker, junior David Gill, returns to settle the middle of the field.

9. SAN JOSE STATE Spartans

COACH: John Ralston, 3rd year, 5-17
'94 RECORD: 3-8 (3-3 Conf.)
STADIUM/LOCATION: Spartan Stadium (31,218), San Jose, Calif.
KEY PLAYERS LOSE: Dan Godfrey, OLB (1st-team All-Big West); Joe Nedney, P-K (2nd-team All-Big West); Jacobbi Williams, WR (2nd-team All-Big West)
RETURNING STARTERS (16): Offense (8); Defense (8)

OVERVIEW: OK, pop quiz. What does it mean if all but one defensive coach is fired and the defensive alignment is switched from a 4-3 to a 3-4? Maybe San Jose State should stay in the Big West and not worry about a move to the WAC. Well...

The Spartans finished the season with two wins and ruined USL's chances for a league title with an early-season victory. The rest of 1994 was a nightmare. Part of the problem came with the schedule, which included drillings by Baylor, Stanford, Cal and Washington. This season, the Spartans open up with Stanford and USC and get Cal in game four after hosting Northern Illinois.

"The schedule always hurts us initially," said the eternally optimistic John Ralston. "We just have to play better to narrow the gap. Last season, we didn't play well against Cal or Stanford. We expected that we would play well against at least one of the two."

San Jose State was ninth in total offense and last in total defense last season. The numbers were a bit inflated compared to its Big West rivals because of the poundings it took in non-conference games.

Junior Quarterback Ali Abrew, who threw for 1,743 yards, returns, as does junior tailback Patrick Walsh (483 yards). Ralston is expecting an impact season from receiver Brian Lundy, who started in 1993 but sat out last season. Ralston's biggest concerns are on both lines, especially on defense, where he longs for a pass rusher.

10. ARKANSAS STATE Indians

COACH: John Bobo, 3rd year, 3-18-1
'94 RECORD: 1-10 (0-6 Conf.)
STADIUM/LOCATION: Indian Stadium (33,410), Jonesboro, Ark.
KEY PLAYERS LOSE: None.
RETURNING STARTERS (18): Offense (8); Defense (7); Specialists (3)

OVERVIEW: John Bobo talks about numbers. Scholarships. After three seasons in Division I-A, the Indians have crept up to the competition and have a chance to be on a level playing field.

"It's been a major struggle, but we let our players know that if they don't want to work hard, then they don't need to come here," Bobo said.

Arkansas State has four All-Big West candidates to rely on for 1995: junior running back/returner Corey Walker (630 rushing yards); senior defensive lineman Carlo White; senior safety Clark Watkins; and senior punter Kyle Richardson (42.1-yard average). The Indians' critical areas are the rest of the defensive backfield and defensive line, and also the offensive line.

"And quarterback," added Bobo. "We've got four guys who could be playing that position." Senior Johnny Covington returns, but apparently his 830 passing yards weren't impressive enough to put a lock on his job for this season.

Despite its poor record, Arkansas State's pass defense was second in the Big West and 22nd in the nation, allowing 106.1 yards a game. The Indians' total defense was third in the Big West. Arkansas State has a chance to duplicate its defensive numbers with seven returning defensive starters, including linemen Ed Rufus and Carlos Emmons.

"The pressure comes from your defensive line, and, for us to continue to be successful, we need them to step up," Bobo said. "We need them to be physical."

While Arkansas State put a stop on teams, it couldn't move the football. The Indians were last in the Big West in total offense, last in passing offense and last in scoring offense.

Andy Katz is a staff writer for the Albuquerque (N.M.) Journal.

MID-AMERICAN

By DEAN FOX

Word has it that the Mid-American Conference isn't exactly the toughest league in America. But try telling that to Bowling Green coach Gary Blackney. The Falcons have lost only one league game each of the last two seasons, yet Bowling Green failed to win the title either year.

Last season, Central Michigan rallied in the season finale to hand the Falcons their only MAC loss, 36-33. The year before, Bowling Green lost to Central and finished 5-1-2, good for third. Bowling Green won every MAC game in 1991 and 1992.

"The first two years I was here," Blackney said, "we went undefeated in the conference. I guess that's what it takes to win. We're only a few points away from having won four consecutive titles."

Actually, the conference might seem a bit easier for Central Michigan coach Dick Flynn, who won the MAC in his first year at the school. But with major offensive losses, the Chippewas' road should be bumpier. Western Michigan, Ball State and Miami (Ohio) figure to be Bowling Green's toughest challengers. All three return their quarterbacks and top defensive players.

"We've all got some questions," Western coach Al Molde said. "It seems like a lot depends on who's healthy, whose quarterback is hot, things like that."

1. BOWLING GREEN Falcons

COACH: Gary Blackney, 5th year, 36-8-2
'94 RECORD: 9-2 (7-1 conf.)

STADIUM/LOCATION: Doyt Perry Stadium (30,599), Bowling Green, Ohio
KEY PLAYERS LOSE: Brian Leaver, K (1st-team All-America); Ronnie Redd, WR (1st-team All-MAC); Vince Palko, LB (1st-team All-MAC); George Johnson, LB (1st-team All-MAC)
RETURNING STARTERS (14): Offense (7); Defense (7)

OVERVIEW: The Falcons are still stinging from last year's loss to Central Michigan, but they return a

host of starters — including QB Ryan Henry — and are favored to win their third title in five seasons.

The offense starts with Henry, who threw for 2,368 yards and 25 touchdowns last year. Top receiver Ronnie Redd (48 catches, 10 TDs) is gone, but returning linemen Chad Bukey and Cal Bowers should provide Henry with time to find new targets. Trevor Stover is one of the MAC's top tight ends. "Ryan is one of the smartest quarterbacks I've ever coached or coached against," Blackney said. "He should be even better this year."

Running back Keylan Cates (803 yards) should provide offensive balance. The Falcons' rushing game finished fourth in the MAC but lost only five fumbles and helped Bowling Green lead the conference in turnover ratio.

The biggest challenge defensively will be replacing Vince Palko, the MAC Defensive Player of the Year. Defensive lineman Greg Cepek will be a key for the Falcons, while defensive back Troy Everhart hopes to lead the MAC in interceptions again this year.

2. WESTERN MICHIGAN Broncos

COACH: Al Molde, 9th year, 52-34-2

'94 RECORD: 7-4 (5-3 conf.)

STADIUM/LOCATION: Waldo Stadium (30,000), Kalamazoo, Mich.

KEY PLAYERS LOSE: Andre Wallace, WR (1st-team All-MAC); Tom Nutton, T (1st-team All-MAC); Peter Tuffo, DL (1st-team All-MAC)
RETURNING STARTERS (11): Offense (4); Defense (7)

OVERVIEW: Despite recording their fifth straight winning season a year ago, the Broncos had to be disappointed. Three of their four losses were by a field goal and the other was by a touchdown.

Defense was Western's calling card, with the Broncos leading the conference in both total defense and rushing defense. With seven starters back, a similar performance is a good bet. Defensive lineman Dion Powell (14 tackles for loss) and defensive back Tristan Moss (four interceptions) ranked among the MAC leaders last year, and they should be able to absorb the loss of Peter Tuffo.

Only four starters return to the Broncos offense. Quarterback Jay McDonagh led the MAC last season in total offense, passing for 2,136 yards and 16 TDs. He'll need to find a different go-to receiver, now that Andre Wallace (68 catches, seven TDs) is gone. The Broncos also lose four starters on the offensive line.

Taking the load off McDonagh will be RB Jim Vackaro, who was among the MAC leaders in both rushing and receiving. Kicker Kevin Knope will be available if the offense should break down.

3. BALL STATE Cardinals

COACH: Bill Lynch, 1st year

'94 RECORD: 5-5-1 (5-3-1 conf.)

STADIUM/LOCATION: Ball State Stadium (16,319), Muncie, Ind.

KEY PLAYERS LOSE: Tony Nibbs, RB (1st-team All-MAC); Andy Berry, T (2nd-team All-MAC)

RETURNING STARTERS (14): Offense (7); Defense (6); Specialists (1)

OVERVIEW: Bill Lynch takes over

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1. BOWLING GREEN
2. WESTERN MICHIGAN
3. BALL STATE
4. MIAMI (OHIO)
5. CENT. MICHIGAN
6. TOLEDO
7. EAST MICHIGAN
8. AKRON
9. KENT
10. OHIO

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OFFENSE

QB	Ryan Henry, Bowl. Green	6-0	195	Sr
RB	Deland McCullough, Miami	5-11	195	Sr
RB	Jim Vackaro, West Mich.	5-7	185	Sr
WR	Steve Clay, EMU	5-5	155	Sr
WR	Scott Brunswick, Toledo	6-2	195	Sr
TE	Trevor Stover, Bowl. Green	6-4	240	Sr
OL	Chad Bukey, Bowl. Green	6-4	270	Sr
OL	Bryan Carpenter, CMU	6-3	290	Sr
OL	Pete Stone, Toledo	6-1	260	Sr
OL	Kurt Gehrisch, Bowl. Green	6-1	265	Sr
OL	Gary Glowacki, CMU	6-4	290	So.

DEFENSE

DL	Greg Cepek, Bowl. Green	6-4	240	Sr
DL	Dion Powell, West Mich.	6-1	265	Sr
DL	Mario Daniel, Ohio	6-3	290	Sr
DL	Kevin Kwiatkowski, EMU	6-4	250	Jr
LB	Dee Osborne, Miami	6-2	200	Jr
LB	Dean Polce, West Mich.	6-0	203	Sr
LB	Johnnie Williams, Miami	6-0	220	Sr
DB	Quincy Wright, CMU	6-0	190	Jr
DB	Cory Gilliard, Ball St.	6-1	198	Jr
DB	Jamal Belt, Toledo	5-8	185	Sr
DB	Tristan Moss, West Mich.	5-10	165	Sr

SPECIAL TEAMS

K	Kevin Knope, West Mich.	6-0	165	Sr
P	Brad Maynard, Ball St.	6-1	175	Jr

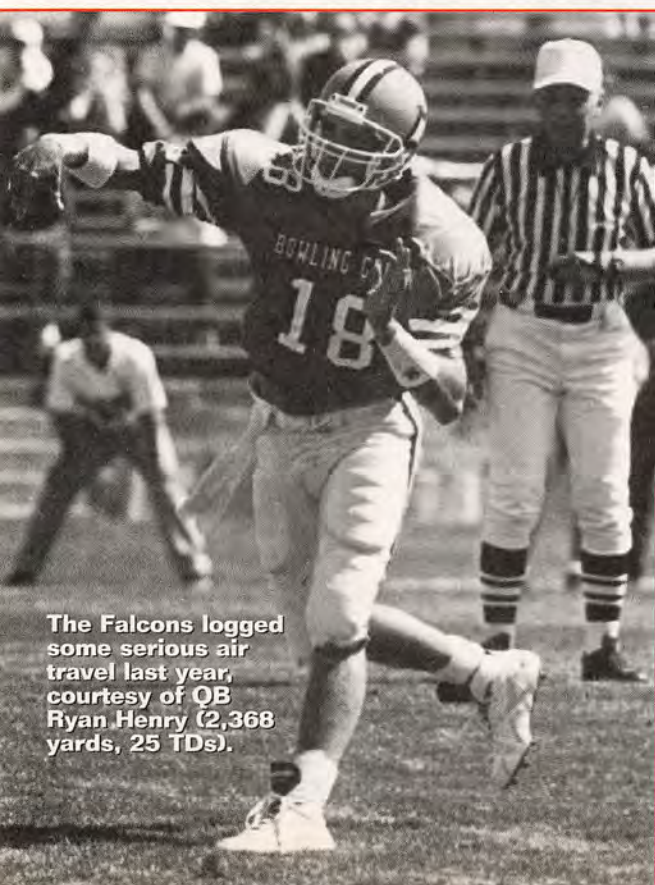


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Ryan Henry, QB,
Bowling Green

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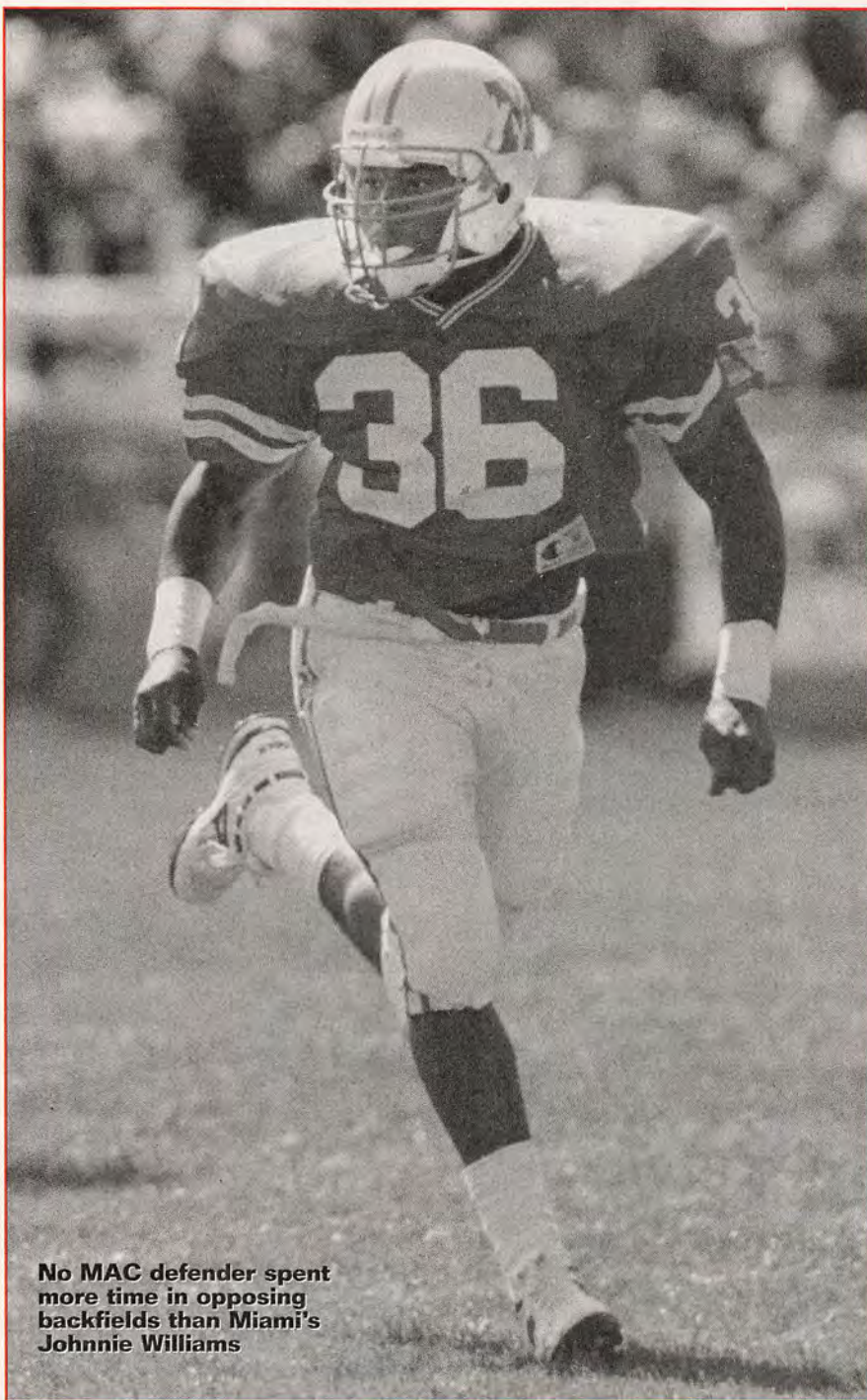
Marc O'Brien, QB,
Kent State



The Falcons logged some serious air travel last year, courtesy of QB Ryan Henry (2,368 yards, 25 TDs).

for Paul Schudel, who left to become an assistant coach at Illinois. Lynch was named head coach in early March and takes over a program that won the MAC in 1993.

Improving the defense will be Lynch's first priority. The Cardinals were 3-0-1 in the MAC until they surrendered 124 points during a three-game losing streak. Ball State finished ninth in total defense a year ago, and last in passing defense. Worse yet, the Cardinals graduated linebacker Kevin Johnson, who led the



No MAC defender spent more time in opposing backfields than Miami's Johnnie Williams

MAC with 196 total tackles.

"I think we've got a lot of kids with good potential," Lynch said. "But whether you win is based on performance, not potential."

Offensively, quarterback Brent Baldwin (1,342 yards, 16 touchdowns) returns, as does a good offensive line. But the Cardinals must find replacements for Tony Nibbs (1,210 yards) and wide receivers Juan Gorman and Brian Oliver, who combined for 84 catches and 14 touchdowns.

Second-team All-America punter Brad Maynard and kicker Brent Locklear give the Cardinals a strong kicking game. Maynard's 45.5 yard average, last season shattered the school record of 41.1, and the junior helped Ball State lead the nation in net punting (42.2).

4. MIAMI (Ohio) Redskins

COACH: Randy Walker, 6th year, 26-25-4

'94 RECORD: 5-5-1 (5-3 conf.)

STADIUM/LOCATION: Yager Stadium (25,183), Oxford, Ohio

KEY PLAYERS LOSE: Jeff Chabot, C (1st-team All-MAC); Bill Atha, DL (1st-team All-MAC); Jason Phillips, DL (1st-team All-MAC); David Thomas, DB (1st-team All-MAC)

RETURNING STARTERS (11): Offense (6); Defense (5)

OVERVIEW: After an 0-3-1 start — including lopsided losses to Indiana and Michigan State — the Redskins were one of the MAC's hottest teams coming down the stretch and finished at .500.

In order to build on that momentum, Miami's offense will have to build around the offensive trio of running back Deland McCullough, quarterback Neil Dougherty and wide receiver Eric Henderson. McCullough ran for 1,103 yards last season,

while Dougherty (1,439 yards) and Henderson (43 catches) took care of the passing attack. Rebuilding the offensive line is a concern. Guard Gene Guidry hopes to provide the same type of leadership that Jeff Chabot did.

Defensively, Miami's strength is its linebackers, Johnnie Williams and Dee Osborne. Williams had a MAC-leading 19 tackles for loss last season, with Osborne adding 10. Williams and Osborne must assert themselves, because the Redskins need to replace Bill Atha and Jason Phillips up front. Only one member of the secondary returns, too.

5. CENTRAL MICHIGAN Chippewas

COACH: Dick Flynn, 2nd year, 9-2

'94 RECORD: 9-2 (8-1 conf.)

STADIUM/LOCATION: Kelly/Shorts Stadium (20,086), Mt. Pleasant

KEY PLAYERS LOSE: Jeremy Dunlap, TE (1st-team All-MAC); Matt Nastally, G (1st-team All-MAC); Chris O'Brien, T (1st-team All-MAC); Brian Pruitt, RB (1st-team All-MAC)

RETURNING STARTERS (9): Offense (3); Defense (6)

OVERVIEW: The Chippewas own the MAC's best all-time record but hadn't won an outright title since 1982. That changed last season when they beat Bowling Green in the season's final week to claim the title. Central's rushing game was the key to its success. The Chippewas ran for 284.7 yards per game, with Brian Pruitt collecting 1,890 yards and 20 TDs. But Pruitt — and All-MAC linemen Matt Nastally and Chris O'Brien — have graduated, and the Chippewas must retool.

The defense didn't lose quite as much talent as the offense did, but the Chippewas must still do some rebuilding. One cornerstone will be defensive back Quincy Wright, who was one of only two sophomores named to the All-MAC team.

Whoever emerges in other key spots, the defense must improve. It allowed 30-plus points five times, including a 52-24 loss to UNLV in the Las Vegas Bowl.

"We had a solid unit with a lot of kids who made big plays when we had to have them," Flynn said. "We'll have to get that again."

6. TOLEDO Rockets

COACH: Gary Pinkel, 5th year, 23-19-2

'94 RECORD: 6-4-1 (4-3-1 conf.)

STADIUM/LOCATION: Glass Bowl Stadium (26,248), Toledo, Ohio

KEY PLAYERS LOSE: Casey McBeth, RB (1st-team All-MAC); Chadd Dehn, G (2nd-team All-MAC); Bo Reichart, DL (2nd-team All-MAC)

RETURNING STARTERS (13): Offense (4); Defense (9)

OVERVIEW: Had the Rockets' defense been better, Toledo might have made a serious run for the conference title. The offense was the league's best, but the defense was near the bottom.

Strengthening the defense will be the top priority for coach Gary Pinkel, as Toledo surrendered more than 30 points in every loss. Nine starters return — including defensive back Jamal Belt — but the Rockets must find someone to replace Bo Reichart up front.

"We had a very young defense last year," Pinkel said. "Jamal had to move over to safety because our secondary was so beat up, but we get to move him back to corner this year."

Offensively, Toledo returns only one offensive lineman but has three skill-position people coming back: quarterback Ryan Huzjak (6-foot-2, 193 pounds), running back Wasean Tait and wide receiver Scott Brunswick. Huzjak passed for 1,928 yards and 17 touchdowns last year, while Tait teamed with Casey McBeth to combine for nearly 2,000 yards and 20 touchdowns. Brunswick (44 catches, 572 yards) will be Huzjak's top target.

7. EASTERN MICHIGAN Eagles

COACH: Rick Rasnick, 1st year

'94 RECORD: 5-6 (5-4 conf.)

STADIUM/LOCATION: Rynearson Stadium (30,200), Ypsilanti, Mich.
KEY PLAYERS LOSE: Yusef Dibbles, LB (1st-team All-MAC); Ron Rice, DB (1st-team All-MAC); Stephen Whitfield, RB (2nd-team All-MAC)
RETURNING STARTERS (13): Offense (8), Defense (5)

OVERVIEW: The Eagles went into the offseason as one of the MAC's hottest teams, winning their last four games. But coach Ron Cooper opted to go to Louisville, and now it is Rasnick — the former offensive coordinator at Utah — who hopes to maintain the momentum.

The Eagles' strength was their defense, with the unit finishing third in the MAC. Defensive lineman Kevin Kwiatkowski leads Eastern up front, having recorded 13 tackles for losses a year ago. The rest of the defense, however, is a concern. Only four other starters return, with Yusef Dibbles and Ron Rice no longer leading the linebackers or secondary.

Given the departure of Stephen Whitfield (1,232 yards), Eastern must find somebody else to spark the offense. Quarterback Micheal Armour returns, but he must throw more touchdowns (10) and fewer interceptions (13). Armour will have his favorite targets back. Wide receivers Steve Clay and Bristol Greene combined for 1,101 yards last year, and tight end Ryan Wheatley also returns. The Eagles lost three linemen, including anchor Matt Gillette.

"We're going to be a pass-possession offense," Rasnick said.

8. AKRON Zips

COACH: Lee Owens, 1st year

'94 RECORD: 1-10 (1-8 conf.)

STADIUM/LOCATION: Rubber Bowl (35,202), Akron, Ohio

KEY PLAYERS LOSE: Matt Rose, G; Darrien Gouch, TB; Phil Dunn, TB
RETURNING STARTERS (16): Offense (8); Defense (8)

OVERVIEW: Thanks to a 24-10 victory over Ohio in the final week of the season, the Zips weren't saddled with the distinction of being the worst team in Division I-A (that honor belonged to the Bobcats). But the victory wasn't enough to save Gerry Faust's job. Enter Owens, who coached high school ball at nearby Massillon and was also an assistant at Ohio State.

The Zips return a plethora of starters on both sides of the ball, but Owens wants more than experience on his side. "We want to get our players used to winning," he said.

Senior running back DeShawn Brown led the Zips in both rushing (588 yards) and receiving (20 catches, 255 yards). Brian Magrell had some success as quarterback last season but threw six interceptions and only a pair of touchdowns.

Defensively, Akron returns its top tackler (Darwin Wilson) and leading sack man (Jason Taylor). Six other starters return to the unit, but they must find a way to stop allowing 408.6 yards and 36.7 points per game.

9. KENT Golden Flashes

COACH: Jim Corrigan, 2nd year, 2-9

'94 RECORD: 2-9 (2-7 conf.)

STADIUM/LOCATION: Dix Stadium (30,520), Kent, Ohio

KEY PLAYERS LOSE: DB Vance Benton (2nd-team All-MAC); DL Matt Jenne (honorable-mention All-MAC)

RETURNING STARTERS (12): Offense (9); Defense (3)

OVERVIEW: Winning only two games wouldn't normally be cause for optimism but, then again, Kent didn't win a game in 1993. Last year, the Flashes soundly beat Akron and Ohio and gave Bowling Green all it wanted before losing, 22-16.

To continue its improvement, Kent will rely on its defense, which finished in the middle of the MAC. Only three defensive starters return, with

Vince Benton's graduation leaving a hole in the secondary. Benton's three interceptions helped Kent post an impressive plus-9 turnover ratio.

On offense, Kent returns running back Astron Whatley, who was named the MAC Freshman of the Year. Whatley ran for 1,003 yards and 10 touchdowns and will run behind an experienced offensive line. Quarterback Mike Challenger will try to bolster a passing game that accounted for only four touchdowns a year ago.

"We're going to be young again, probably more so on defense," coach Jim Corrigan said. "The kids started to believe more in themselves at the end of the year."

10. OHIO Bobcats

COACH: Jim Grobe, 1st year

'94 RECORD: 0-11 (0-9 conf.)

STADIUM/LOCATION: Peden Stadium (20,000), Athens, Ohio

KEY PLAYERS LOSE: Andy Canter, T (2nd-team All-MAC); Sam Vink, QB.
RETURNING STARTERS (14): Offense (5); Defense (9)

OVERVIEW: How bad did things get for the Bobcats last year? Consider that after a 21-14 loss to Ball State in its conference opener, Ohio lost every

game by a double-digit margin, and never scored more than 16 points all season.

In order to revitalize a program in search of its first winning season since 1982, the Bobcats brought in Jim Grobe from the Air Force. He'll install the triple-option offense and a 5-2 defense in hopes of getting the Bobcats moving in the right direction.

"Right now, it's not even a game-by-game thing," Grobe said. "We're trying to improve day-by-day. It'll take time, but certainly a big win early would help us."

The offense scored only nine touchdowns all year, committing 27 turnovers. Five starters return, including running back Lakarlos Townsend, who ran for a team-high 676 yards. The Bobcats will be looking to replace Sam Vink with an option quarterback, and Bob Bees — Vink's — backup is a possibility. The offensive line needs work.

The Bobcats' defense was much better than people might think, and linebackers Jabaar Thompson and Benny King will lead the unit. DB Korey King's graduation leaves a hole in the backfield.

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Astron Whatley, Kent's flashiest weapon, rushed for 1,003 yards as a freshman in '94.

STAYING POWER

Not Even the Miami (Fla.) Job Could Lure Jim Tressel Away from I-AA Youngstown State



Last year's I-AA title earned Tressel and Youngstown State a trip to the White House.

By PETE MOLLIKA

Not many Division I-AA football coaches are overly concerned about the Pope's datebook.

Then again, before Jim Tressel, no I-AA football coach had ever been invited with his team to the White House. But precedent has to start somewhere.

"I guess the only thing left is to see if we can get invited to the Vatican," Tressel said.

If anyone can pull off such an invitation, it's Tressel. After leading Youngstown State to the 1994 Division I-AA championship — a title actually earned on the football field — Tressel and the Penguins were distinguished guests of President Clinton one day last March. The team toured the White House and Capitol Hill, visited with some ex-jock congressmen such as Steve Largent and J.C. Watts, then hopped the bus back home to Youngstown.

That's precisely where Tressel will spend the 1995 football season. Which begs a question: With all of his success — a nine-year record of 84-33-2, a 61-9-2 mark and three I-AA crowns since 1990 — why is Tressel still coaching at Youngstown State and not some major Division I-A university?

It's certainly not for lack of opportunity. The University of Miami (Fla.) — not Miami (Ohio), mind you — came courting over the winter, looking for Tressel to replace NFL-bound Dennis Erickson. Tressel met with a small contingent from Miami in Chicago, then withdrew his name from the running a few days later.

"I was flattered that a program of that magnitude would even call and check what's going on here," Tressel said. "Heck, Miami would have been a wonderful place to be. The people there have a tremendous desire for excellence, and it was great spending time with them. But, at that moment, this was the best place for me to be."

It's a place where Tressel is comfortable, successful and happy. He was raised in Berea, Ohio, a small town where his father, the late Lee Tressel, enjoyed a great deal of success as the head football coach and athletic director at Baldwin-Wallace College for more than 30 years. Tressel played a first-hand role in some of his father's success, playing quarterback for his dad and earning four varsity letters at Baldwin-Wallace.

Upon graduation, Tressel moved on to assistant jobs at Akron, Miami (Ohio), Syracuse and Ohio State. But the small taste of the big-time was no match for his appetite for success. So, he arrived at Youngstown State in January of 1986, fresh off a three-year stint under Earle Bruce at Ohio State. Since then, he has turned the Penguins into the top I-AA program in the country and, in the process, earned himself a reputation as one of the finest offensive minds in the game today.

Which is why the big boys have been call-

ing. Tressel has been mentioned in connection with vacancies at Cincinnati, Duke and Michigan State, turning them all down to keep his dual role of coach/AD at Youngstown and for the pleasurable relationship between his team and his town.

Then came Miami. If he took that job, Jim Tressel would become a household name. He would be in the hunt for the I-AA national title every year.

But Tressel declined, content, for now, to be the biggest fish in a smaller pond.

"Of the opportunities that have presented themselves — and I'm not saying I was offered the job — this was, quite honestly, the most interesting one, the one I gave the most thought to," Tressel said. "Some people wake up in the morning wondering where their next job is. I wake up and work on the one I'm at."

The one he's at could be the one he remains at for the duration of his career. Or, he could just as easily move along the next time someone on Miami's level calls. Caliber of competition isn't nearly as important as his family's comfort. When the perfect opportunity comes, Tressel will go, but not before.

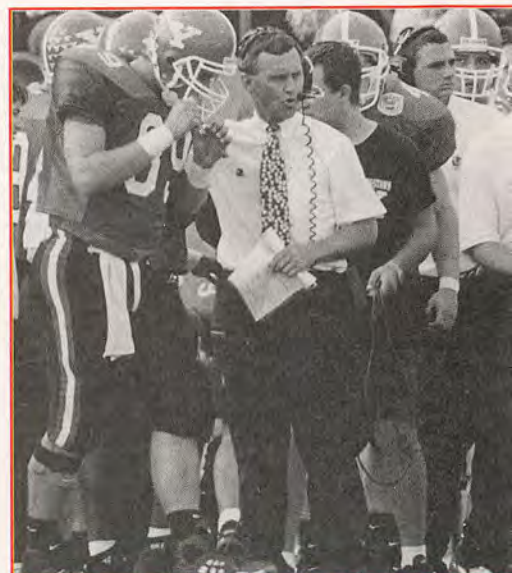
There is speculation that he's holding out for the Ohio State job, but Tressel doesn't much care for the coach-on-the-rise rumor mill that starts spinning every time a I-AA vacancy arises.

"That's not what fuels your fire," said Tressel, who, in 1991, became part of the only father-son combination to win national football championships. "You have to try to be the best you can be for your institution and community. I know for a fact that Youngstown State put me in the situation where I could have discussions with people like the ones from Miami. And they'll only be interested in me if we continue to win. The minute we don't, they won't."

Based on his track record and the talent returning for the defending champs, chances are slim the interest will wane any time soon.

Maybe the Pope had better clear a day next March.

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The Penguins have won three I-AA crowns since 1990 under Tressel.

By **PETER J. WALLNER**

The talk of the American West Conference a year ago was its quarterbacks—and with good reason. All four teams had capable signal callers last fall.

A year later, the conference is talking quarterbacks again, but this time discussion is limited to the league's two holdovers, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo's Mike Fisher and Southern Utah's Rick Robins. Both players are seniors who have started every game the past two seasons, and both are known for their big-play capabilities, having combined for nine touchdowns of over 50 yards last season.

Not surprisingly, well-armed Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo and Southern Utah are the teams to beat in the American West, a conference which almost died over the winter when both Cal State-Northridge and Cal State-Sacramento considered dropping football. Both schools put referendums before their student bodies last spring seeking additional fees. Those fees kept the programs and the league, for that matter, together.

The near-extinction of the football programs at Cal State-Northridge and Cal State-Sacramento didn't come without a price. Both school's head coaches stepped down, leaving the teams with weak recruiting classes.

1. CAL POLY-SAN LUIS OBISPO Mustangs

OVERVIEW: The return of 16 starters makes the Mustangs (7-4, 3-0) the favorite to repeat as league champions, though the offensive line will be all new. The development of the guys up front is critical because they must protect Fisher, the team's franchise quarterback.

Fisher ranks as one of the best signal callers in Mustang gridiron history. He finished 21st in the nation in total offense (229.82 ypg) a year ago and has already rewritten significant portions of the school's record book. Fisher broke the single season records for touchdowns (22), total offense average (229.82 ypg) and total passing yardage (2,536). Last Oct. 15, Fisher also set school single-game marks for passing yards (409) and completions (29). Despite his impressive output last fall, Fisher must find a way to cut down on his interceptions (22 in '94).

Wide receiver Hitoshi Ono was a first-team all-conference pick his first year and gives Fisher a bonafide deep threat, as does sophomore Kamil Loud. Sophomore running backs Antonio Warren and Dan Nguyen both return and should benefit from having a year of experience under their belts.

While the Mustangs had no problems finding the end zone (27.6 ppg in '94), opponents loved to throw the ball against them. By season's end, the Mustangs ranked 97th out of 117 Division I-AA teams in total defense, giving up 397.8 yards per game — 305 of that via the pass. The bright spot of the defense will no doubt be 6-foot-2 safety David Brown, who is drawing interest from pro scouts. A pair of third-year starters return at linebacker in Jonathan Trotter and Alex Garwood, and experienced Brian Pearsall is back to anchor the defensive line.

2. SOUTHERN UTAH STATE Thunderbirds

OVERVIEW: Robins, who started every game the

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

1. CAL POLY-SAN LUIS OBISPO
2. SOUTHERN UTAH
3. CAL STATE-SACRAMENTO
4. CAL STATE-NORTHRIDGE

Preseason All-American West Team

OFFENSE				
QB	Mike Fisher, Cal Poly-SLO	6-0	200	Sr.
RB	Antonio Warren, Cal Poly-SLO	5-10	175	So.
RB	Darren Walton, CS-Northridge	6-0	210	Sr.
WR	Hitoshi Ono, Cal Poly-SLO	5-10	175	Sr.
WR	David Romines, CS-Northridge	5-8	163	Sr.
TE	Werner Hippler, CS-Sacramento	6-5	260	Jr.
OL	Joe Lozano, CS-Sacramento	6-4	285	Sr.
OL	Nat Adams, Southern Utah	5-8	160	Jr.
OL	Jason Bannon, CS-Sacramento	6-5	275	Sr.
OL	Tom Moses, CS-Sacramento	6-6	300	Sr.
OL	Tom Narey, CS-Northridge	6-4	285	Sr.
DEFENSE				
DL	Brian Pearsall, Cal Poly-SLO	6-2	265	Sr.
DL	Jeff Galyean, Southern Utah	6-1	250	Jr.
DL	Damien Mason, CS-Sacramento	6-2	225	Jr.
DL	Andrew Parkinson, Cal Poly-SLO	6-4	270	Jr.
LB	Jonathan Trotter, Cal Poly-SLO	6-3	200	Jr.
LB	Alex Garwood, Cal Poly-SLO	6-2	230	Sr.
LB	Damien Mason, CS-Sacramento	6-2	225	Jr.
DB	Marvin Brown, CS-Sacramento	6-0	180	Sr.
DB	Damon Wright, CS-Sacramento	6-0	197	Sr.
DB	David Brown, Cal Poly-SLO	6-2	190	Sr.
DB	James Woods, CS-Northridge	6-1	190	Jr.
SPECIAL TEAMS				
K	Matt Ornelaz, CS-Northridge	6-0	150	Jr.
P	Ron Lindberg, Southern Utah	6-5	185	Sr.
RS	Demetrist Cornish, CS-Sacramento	6-0	220	Sr.



PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Mike Fisher, QB,
Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Demetrius Davis, DB,
Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo

past three seasons, hopes a beefed-up line and some newcomers at running back will translate into a league crown this season. Robins is coming off a prolific season in which he passed for 1,705 yards. Expect more of the same this season, thanks to the return of speedy wideout Kevin Culbertson and tight end Micah Deckart. The team's top running backs are both gone, but Southern Utah coach Jack Bishop, who is known for his strong ground attack, didn't just sit around and mourn his losses.

Instead, Bishop went out and recruited five beefy junior college linemen (average weight: 305 pounds) and three JUCO running backs, led by Dion Chapman from Ricks (Idaho).

Bishop is hoping the influx of size along the offensive line will wear opponents down and

avoid last season's bugaboo, the second half collapse. Last season, the Thunderbirds (4-7, 1-2) were outscored 191-119 after the intermission.

On defense, the Thunderbirds return seven of 11 starters, paced by strong safety Duston Connaughton, who led the team with 111 tackles a year ago—30 more stops than anyone else on the squad. He'll have to be a leader this season because the secondary was depleted by graduation. Another area hit hard by graduation was the linebacking corp, but backups and JUCO transfers should fill in the gaps.

The strength of the Thunderbirds' defense could be their defensive line, where three of the four starters return, led by standout end Jeff Galyean.

3. CAL STATE-SACRAMENTO Hornets

OVERVIEW: There are questions aplenty about the Hornets, who underwent an off-season comparable to the St. Louis/L.A. Rams fiasco. Head coach Mike Clemons left and, a week later, interim head coach Greg Knapp also bolted. With the program's future in doubt, no new coach was immediately hired, no recruits signed and there was no spring practice.

Even without recruits, the Hornets (5-5, 2-1) have few defections from the nest. They will need plenty of help on offense with quarterback Joe Garafalo (2,003 yards passing in '94) among the seven players lost to graduation. The offensive line should be one of the league's best, since returnees Jason Bannon, Tom Moses and Joe Lozano are all-league caliber players. However, Jessie Klinge (77 yards) is the only holdover running back.

The secondary is a strong spot on defense with highly touted cornerback Marvin Brown (seven interceptions) and strong safety Tom Beam both back. Junior outside linebacker Damien Mason (5.5 sacks) is a proven pass rusher.

4. CAL STATE-NORTHRIDGE Matadors

OVERVIEW: Thanks to the passage of the referendum, the program survived. But there are questions all over the roster.

On offense, the school's all-time leading receiver, Duc Ngo (62 catches, 682 yards in '94) graduated. Talented David Romines will try and fill his shoes. Tight end Travis Hall left the school, transferring to USC. The other major question is at quarterback, where Clayton Millis, a starter two years ago, will try and replace J.J. O'Laughlin, who earned first-team all-conference honors last fall after throwing for 2,373 yards. If that wasn't enough to worry about, the Matadors (3-7, 0-3) are green in the backfield, where only fullback Darren Walton (278 yards) has any significant amount of experience.

On defense, the news is somewhat better. The defensive line needs rebuilding, but behind them things seem OK. At linebacker, a pair of holdovers, Jim Pierro and Andrew Rose, should be leaders. And in the secondary, a number of capable performers return, led by standout safety James Woods and cornerback Jim Rose.

Placekicking is another strength, thanks to the return of Matt Ornelaz, who hit 12 of 18 field-goal attempts last fall.

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By MIKE PRATER

With defending league champ Boise State and perennial I-AA playoff invitee Idaho set to bolt to the Division I-A Big West Conference in 1996, the Big Sky Conference will never be the same after this season. And it appears that the league has the ingredients for one heck of a goodbye bash with the return of five quarterbacks all rated among I-AA's top 25 in passing efficiency last season.

Poised to make the most noise this fall is Montana quarterback Dave Dickenson. The two-time league MVP and Walter Payton Award candidate led I-AA football in pass efficiency (164.6) and was second only to Alcorn State star Steve McNair in total offense (345.33 yards per game).

Boise State junior Tony Hilde threw for 2,787 yards and 26 touchdowns, while Northern Arizona senior Jeff Lewis was third in total offense (307.91). And Idaho, the quarterback factory of the Big Sky, has two gunslingers this year. Senior Eric Hisaw and sophomore Brian Brennan combined for 3,286 yards and 32 touchdowns in 1994.

1. BOISE STATE Broncos

OVERVIEW: Three days after Boise State (13-2 overall, 6-1 Big Sky) lost to Youngstown State, 28-14, in the I-AA championship game, head coach Pokey Allen was diagnosed with a rare, life-threatening tissue cancer in his right tricep. He continues an exhausting, year-long chemotherapy program.

The big question is: Will Allen's cancer serve as motivation or will it be a distraction?

Several key players are question marks, too. Hilde had shoulder surgery in the spring, and running back K.C. Adams (1,275 yards, nine TDs) missed spring drills because of academic problems. On the plus side, the entire offensive line returns and the defense lost only three starters.

2. MONTANA Grizzlies

OVERVIEW: With only three returning starters, Montana (11-3, 5-2) has holes on defense, but it might not matter with Dickenson back to run the offense. Dickenson has his sturdy offensive line back—minus All-America Scott Gragg. At wide receiver, senior Matt Wells (54 catches, 746 yards, four TDs) and junior Mike Erhardt (36 catches, 482 yards, four TDs) return. The Grizzlies averaged 80 yards rushing and 372 passing last season; expect more of the same this fall.

Graduation hurt the defense but two names to look for are junior free safety Blaine McElmurry (72 tackles, four INTs) and defensive end Yohanese Manzanarez.

3. IDAHO Vandals

OVERVIEW: Chris Tormey, a former defensive coordinator at Washington, is the league's only new coach. That doesn't mean that things are different in Moscow—again the spotlight is on quarterbacks. The two quarterback candidates for Idaho (9-3, 5-2) are Hisaw (1,520 yards, 14 TDs, one INT in seven games before a knee injury) and Brennan (1,765 yards, 18 TDs, four INTs). All-America RB Sherriden May is gone, but powerful junior Joel Thomas (653 yards, 11 TDs) appears ready to be the feature back. Four offen-

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

1. BOISE STATE
2. MONTANA
3. IDAHO
4. NORTHERN ARIZONA
5. IDAHO STATE
6. WEBER STATE
7. MONTANA STATE
8. EASTERN WASHINGTON

Preseason All-Big Sky Team

OFFENSE

QB Dave Dickenson, Montana	5-10	175	Sr.
RB Alfredo Anderson, Idaho State	5-10	170	Jr.
RB Joel Thomas, Idaho	5-8	208	Jr.
WR Eric Hopkins, Montana State	5-10	193	Sr.
WR Ryan Ikebe, Boise State	5-11	182	Jr.
TE Jesse Hardt, E. Washington	6-3	235	Sr.
OL Jim Mills, Idaho	6-5	265	Sr.
OL Tom Ackerman, E. Washington	6-4	275	Sr.
OL Alex Toyos, Boise State	6-2	288	Sr.
OL Mike Agee, Montana	6-4	285	Jr.
C Paul Coffman, Boise State	6-3	265	Sr.

DEFENSE

DL Ryan Phillips, Idaho	6-4	241	Jr.
DL Jason Hicks, Montana State	6-1	241	Sr.
DL Jason Jensen, Weber State	6-4	255	Sr.
DL Josh Hays, Idaho State	6-2	225	So.
LB Brian Smith, Boise State	5-10	218	Sr.
LB Stacey Ellis, Northern Arizona	5-11	210	Sr.
LB Jacob Belmont, Weber State	6-2	205	Sr.
DB Blaine McElmurry, Montana	6-1	190	Jr.
DB Mark Grimmer, Montana State	6-3	180	Sr.
DB Rayna Stewart, Northern Arizona	5-11	195	Sr.
DB Rashid Gayle, Boise State	5-9	170	Sr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

K Greg Erickson, Boise State	5-7	170	Sr.
P Kevin O'Leary, Northern Arizona	5-11	185	Sr.
RS Eric Hopkins, Montana State	5-10	193	Sr.



PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Dave Dickenson, QB, Montana

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Videl Montgomery, WR, Idaho

sive linemen return, along with the four defensive linemen who helped Idaho lead I-AA in rushing defense last year. The big enforcer is league MVP candidate Ryan Phillips, a second-team All-America end who had 13½ sacks and 28½ tackles for a loss last season.

4. NORTHERN ARIZONA Lumberjacks

OVERVIEW: Lewis (3,355 yards, 26 TDs, eight INTs) has started 29 games for the Lumberjacks (7-4, 4-3). He has done everything but take the Lumberjacks to the I-AA playoffs, a place the school has never been.

Other than Lewis, skill position talent is thin.

The defense lost five starters, but a secondary featuring NFL prospect Rayna Stewart and all-league candidate Dereck Williams will be a strength for head coach Steve Axman.

5. IDAHO STATE Bengals

OVERVIEW: Head coach Brian McNeely is quietly turning the league's tackling dummy into a legitimate program. With 13 starters back, don't be surprised if the pesky Bengals (6-5, 4-3) finish higher this season. Sophomore quarterback Robb Wetta will have a say in the matter after completing 58 percent of his passes for 2,332 yards as a true freshman. His offensive line lost three starters, but McNeely's new recruits include six JUCO transfers averaging 291 pounds. The Bengals also have one of the Big Sky's most exciting players in junior tailback Alfredo Anderson, who rushed for 791 yards and seven TDs despite injury problems.

ISU will continue to use a gambling defense that gave up too many big plays in 1994. That should ease somewhat with the return of sophomore defensive end Josh Hays (16½ sacks) and senior linebacker Brian Getz (team-high 116 tackles).

6. WEBER STATE Wildcats

OVERVIEW: Senior quarterback Bryan Martin and a potent group of receivers are good enough to help Weber State (5-6, 2-3) rebound from last year's losing season, its first in three years. Martin's favorite receiver will be wideout Pokey Eckford (54 catches, 829 yards, five TDs). Martin should get plenty of protection from a solid line which includes Kyle Stevens and Roy Charles. A mediocre defense will be led by lineman Jason Jensen and linebacker Jacob Belmont.

7. MONTANA STATE Bobcats

OVERVIEW: The Bobcats (3-8, 0-7) return 15 starters from last season's winless conference team, including flashy receiver/kick returner Eric Hopkins. The Bobcats' only all-league selection last fall, Hopkins caught 56 passes for 964 yards and five touchdowns and also had 622 punt and kickoff return yards. The quarterback job is open with 25-year-old sophomore Jeff Tuss battling two redshirt freshmen. Tuss, a transfer from Fresno State, spent five seasons throwing 90 mph fastballs in the Montreal Expos' minor-league system.

8. EASTERN WASHINGTON Eagles

OVERVIEW: With only nine returning starters, this team is almost young enough to qualify for admission into a high school league. The offensive line is decent with senior tackle Tom Ackerman and all-conference tight end Jesse Hardt, but the passing game starts from scratch. Quarterback candidates Brian Sherick, Harry Leons and Josh Lies combined to throw one incomplete pass last season. Running back David Lewis (1,650 career yards) will be forced to carry the load for a while. Senior linebacker Dion Alexander and junior defensive back Ryan Moore are the only returning starters on defense. The Eagles should get some immediate help from 10 JUCO transfers.

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By DOUG NEWHOFF

Northern Iowa's run of success in the 1990s — a 26-4 league record with five consecutive championships and playoff appearances — has made the Panthers the kings of the Gateway Conference.

But nothing is forever, and whether coaches around the league care to admit it, they are plotting an overthrow in 1995. The Panthers' defensive losses were heavy, and like four of their league foes, they need a new quarterback.

Because of the almost league-wide uncertainty under center, Illinois State, Northern Iowa, Western Illinois, Indiana State and Southwest Missouri State all entertain serious title hopes.

1. ILLINOIS STATE Redbirds

OVERVIEW: The Redbirds' three conference losses were all by one touchdown or less in 1994, and they return six players who earned All-Gateway recognition of some sort, including honorable-mention All-Americans Andy Ziebarth (OT), Todd Kurz (K) and Duane Butler (FS). Illinois State has the most favorable schedule among the title contenders with Western Illinois, Northern Iowa and Indiana State all at home.

Coach Jim Heacock must settle on a quarterback. Michigan State transfer Lester Anderson, a rangy passer with a strong arm, knows the offense. However, he'll be pushed by junior college transfer Bill Hagman, who threw for 4,400 total yards the past two seasons.

The offensive line is a strength with Ziebarth leading the way. Tight end Tim Achterberg (21 catches, 229 yards) was a second-team all-league performer, while wideout Kyle Robinson, a Ball State transfer, made the league's All-Newcomer squad after catching 39 balls for 585 yards and five touchdowns last fall.

Tough defense is a trademark at Illinois State (5-5-1, 3-3) and it starts with linebacker Chris Stevens, a four-year starter, and Butler, the team's leading tackler a year ago.

2. WESTERN ILLINOIS Leathernecks

OVERVIEW: Western's personnel losses were heavy, but the nucleus of another good team is in place, thanks to the addition of several Division I-A transfers.

Top priority is filling the quarterback vacancy. Jeff Hecklinski, an Illinois transfer, and Deondre Singleton are locked in a battle to replace Rob St. Sauver, the 1994 Gateway Offensive Player of the Year.

The new quarterback will be ably protected by all-leaguers Adam Love and Rob Lazio, who missed last season due to injury. Further good news is the return of one of the Gateway's top receivers, Gunnard Twyner (48 catches, 852 yards, nine TDs). JUCO All-America running back Antoine Kimbrough is expected to strengthen the ground game for Western (8-3, 4-2).

Defensively, free safety Frank Spraggins is among the best at his position. The Leathernecks are also strong in the special teams department, thanks to the return of kicker Keith Jones (2nd-team All-Gateway in '94) and return specialist Buck Phillips (1st team).

3. NORTHERN IOWA Panthers

OVERVIEW: An offense that averaged 351 yards per game needs to replace its quarterback and

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

1. ILLINOIS STATE
2. WESTERN ILLINOIS
3. NORTHERN IOWA
4. INDIANA STATE
5. SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE
6. EASTERN ILLINOIS
7. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Preseason All-Gateway Team

OFFENSE

QB Pete Mauch, Eastern Illinois	5-10	175	Sr.
RB David Wright, Indiana State	5-8	173	Sr.
RB Willie High, Eastern Illinois	6-2	215	Sr.
WR Dedric Ward, Northern Iowa	5-10	163	Jr.
WR Gunnard Twyner, Western Illinois	5-11	175	Sr.
TE Matt Harken, Northern Iowa	6-7	253	Sr.
OL Dan Bower, Northern Iowa	6-5	245	Sr.
OL Andy Ziebarth, Illinois State	6-3	277	Jr.
OL Adam Love, Western Illinois	6-5	293	Sr.
OL Brad Kubik, SW Missouri St.	6-4	270	So.
OL Luke Hake, SW Missouri St.	6-2	275	Sr.

DEFENSE

DL Dan Brandenburg, Indiana State	6-3	244	Sr.
DL Tom Procter, SW Missouri St.	6-3	250	Jr.
DL Brian Moretz, Northern Iowa	6-1	282	Sr.
DL Eric Johnson, Illinois State	6-4	265	Jr.
LB Tim Carver, Eastern Illinois	6-0	195	Sr.
LB DeLaun Fowler, SW Missouri St.	5-11	215	Sr.
LB Kevin Hammond, Northern Iowa	6-2	204	Sr.
DB Duane Butler, Illinois State	6-2	195	Jr.
DB Willie Parks, SW Missouri St.	5-10	168	Sr.
DB Darnell Hendricks, S. Illinois	6-3	205	Sr.
DB Frank Spraggins, Western Illinois	5-11	170	So.

SPECIAL TEAMS

K Matt Waller, Northern Iowa	5-11	177	Jr.
P Mark Gagliano, S. Illinois	6-4	195	Jr.
RS Buck Phillips, Western Illinois	5-11	180	Sr.



PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Dan Brandenburg, DL, Indiana State

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Lester Anderson, QB, Illinois State

center. The top quarterback candidate is Stanford transfer Chris Berg, who saw limited action last year.

Bruising runner Jeff Stovall (756 yards rushing) is complemented by the quickness of Nebraska transfer Marvin Sims. If Berg decides to go to the air, he can look for flanker Dedric Ward (58 catches, 1,006 yards) or tight end Matt Harken, a first-team All-Gateway performer. One of the nation's best kickers, Matt Waller (17 of 26 field goals in '94), is also back.

The defense must be totally rebuilt. Five of the top six linebackers for Northern Iowa (8-4, 6-0), as well as its top five defensive backs, must be replaced.

4. INDIANA STATE Sycamores

OVERVIEW: If ISU (5-6, 2-4) plays as well defensively as it did in 1994, it will be in the title hunt. Six starters are back from the country's 17th-ranked defense (293 yards per game allowed). The headliner is All-America defensive end Dan Brandenburg, who recorded 15 tackles for a loss, seven sacks and 66 totals stops last fall.

The Sycamores need a quarterback who can get the passing game off the ground. Junior Kevin Cox started spring practice as the No. 1 guy, but his experience is minimal. The running game is strong with All-American tailback David Wright (3,252 career yards).

5. SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE Bears

OVERVIEW: Southwest Missouri (4-7, 2-4) has waffled between option football and a pass-oriented attack the last two seasons, and the indecision has been costly. Given new coach Del Miller's past history at Kansas State and Iowa, expect a wide-open, pro-style offense.

Jeremy Hoog is the favorite at quarterback. He began last season as the starter and threw for 1,391 yards and nine touchdowns before Kyle Geller stepped in and ran the option the last five games of the season. One strength of the offense is an offensive line which averages 275 pounds and returns a pair of All-Gateway performers, Luke Hake and Brad Kubik.

Defensively, the Bears must improve drastically after allowing 374 yards and 24 points per game last season. Linebacker DeLaun Fowler (140 tackles, 10 sacks) will be the leader of the pack, along with cornerback Willie Parks and defensive end Tom Procter.

6. EASTERN ILLINOIS Panthers

OVERVIEW: The Panthers (6-5, 4-2) have two of the league's top players in running back Willie High and linebacker Tim Carver.

A two-time first-team All-Gateway selection, High rushed for 1,154 yards last season and is fifth on the conference's all-time rushing list (2,773 yards). Carver is Eastern's all-time leading tackler with 427 and he, too, is a two-time first-teamer.

Quarterback Pete Mauch is also back. He ranked 25th nationally in passing efficiency while throwing for 1,610 yards last season.

Depth is a concern, particularly in the trenches.

7. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS Salukis

OVERVIEW: Despite 18 returnees, there remains plenty of room for improvement. Consider these numbers: Out of 117 I-AA programs, Southern (1-10, 0-6) ranked 107th in rushing offense, 114th in total offense, 100th in kickoff returns, 108th in scoring offense, 111th in rushing defense, 101st in total defense and 107th in scoring defense.

The top offensive returnees are tight end Damon Jones (32 catches, 514 yards, five TDs), wideout Reggie Fowler (33 catches, 330 yards) and running back William Tolen (555 yards rushing). Defensively, linebackers Tony Seman (142 tackles) and Brian Tranchitella (140 tackles) are back, and Darnell Hendricks (111 tackles, 13 pass breakups) is one of the league's top defensive backs.

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By JEREMY TREATMAN

In recent years, the Penn football team has matched its school's basketball squad title for title. While the Quaker hoopsters were going undefeated in the league in 1993 and 1994, so was the football team.

Last winter, the basketball guys finished unbeaten in the Ivy for a third straight season, and now the pressure is on the gridiron stars to match the feat once again. It won't be easy.

Penn graduated four all-league first-teamers on defense, including linebacker Pat Goodwille, the 1994 conference Player of the Year, and standout defensive lineman Michael Turner.

"This is the first time that our offense is going to be more experienced than our defense," Penn head coach Al Bagnoli said.

It's not exactly something that other league coaches are losing sleep over. Teams like Brown, Columbia and Cornell all have visions of passing the Quakers this time around.

1. PENNSYLVANIA Quakers

OVERVIEW: OK, the Quakers (9-0 overall, 7-0 Ivy League) lost more than half of their starters on both offense and defense. But, until anyone can knock them off, the owners of the longest winning streak in Division I-AA (21) and the Ivy League (16) are still the clear favorites.

With junior quarterback Mark DeRosa throwing to outstanding senior receiver Miles Macik (133 catches in the last two seasons), scoring will not be a problem. Bagnoli needs immediate contributions from several juniors, including linebacker Tim Gage, defensive lineman Mike Kennedy and nose guard Chris Osentowski, to fill in some of the team's defensive voids.

In Penn's favor, however, is the return of three second-team All-Ivy defenders — junior defensive back Kevin Allen, senior safety Nick Morris and defensive end Tom McGarrity.

2. BROWN Bears

OVERVIEW: In just two years at Brown, head coach Mark Whipple guided the Bears into Ivy League title contention. Last year, the Bears finished 7-3 — their most wins since 1987 — and tied Princeton for second place in the league with a 4-3 mark.

Brown now looks ready to challenge Penn for the crown. The Bears return junior quarterback Jason McCullough, owner of one of the best arms in the league. Tailbacks Marquis Jessie and Paul Fichiera — who combined for 1,488 yards last season — will alternate out of the backfield. Brown also looks like it will be stronger defensively, where 6-foot-4, 280-pound tackle Matt Silva and sophomore linebacker Joe Karcutskie, the team's leading tackler last season, return.

3. COLUMBIA Lions

OVERVIEW: Columbia (5-4-1, 3-4) lost first-team All-Ivy quarterback Jamie Schwalbe to graduation, but the league's second-best offense a year ago should stay potent in '95. Mike Cavanaugh takes over the starting quarterback role and should be a perfect fit to guide the Lions' wishbone and pro-set offenses.

Columbia's defense suffered a blow when end Marcellus Wiley, a first-team all-league selection last year, decided to sit out his senior season. However, first-teamers Eric Keck, a defen-

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

1. PENNSYLVANIA
2. BROWN
3. COLUMBIA
4. CORNELL
5. PRINCETON
6. YALE
7. HARVARD
8. DARTMOUTH

Preseason All-Ivy League Team

OFFENSE				
QB	Vin Ferrara, Harvard	6-2	205	Sr.
RB	Chad Levitt, Cornell	6-1	220	Jr.
RB	Eion Hu, Harvard	5-10	195	Jr.
WR	Miles Macik, Penn	6-4	200	Sr.
WR	Ron Mateo, Cornell	5-10	180	Jr.
TE	Dave Prybly, Yale	6-4	225	Sr.
OL	Carter Westfall, Princeton	6-4	285	Sr.
OL	Brian Larsen, Dartmouth	6-6	260	Jr.
OL	Craig Valentine, Columbia	6-2	270	Sr.
OL	Mike Bender, Yale	6-4	261	Sr.
C	Greg Bloedorn, Cornell	6-7	263	Sr.

DEFENSE				
DL	Eric Keck, Columbia	6-4	290	Sr.
DL	Tony Quarnaccio, Brown	6-3	250	Sr.
DL	Darrell Oliviera, Princeton	6-5	245	Sr.
DL	Seth Payne, Cornell	6-3	250	Jr.
LB	David Patterson, Princeton	6-0	205	Sr.
LB	Rory Wilfork, Columbia	6-2	215	Jr.
LB	John Vitullo, Cornell	6-0	213	Sr.
DB	Nick Morris, Penn	6-2	215	Sr.
DB	Tom Ludwig, Princeton	6-2	190	So.
DB	Kevin Dwan, Harvard	6-1	195	Sr.
DB	Greg Parker, Brown	5-10	165	Jr.

SPECIAL TEAMS				
K	Joe Aldrich, Columbia	5-11	180	Sr.
P	Tim Griffin, Harvard	6-1	215	Sr.
RS	Mark Fabish, Penn	5-10	166	Sr.



PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Miles Macik, WR, Penn

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Mike Pishioneri, RB, Princeton

On defense, the Big Red (6-4, 3-4) finished in the middle of the pack last year but may move up with the return of defensive linemen Seth Payne and John Vitullo.

5. PRINCETON Tigers

OVERVIEW: With Princeton's recent history of producing NFL players like New York Giants running back Keith Elias and Dallas Cowboys quarterback Jason Garrett, it would seem a surprise to see the Tigers drop into the league's lower half. But unless Harry Nakielny or Brock Harvey can step up and solidify the quarterback position, that's exactly what may happen to coach Steve Tosches' team.

Princeton's next great running back could be freshman Mike Pishioneri, who ran for 22 touchdowns at Kempville, Va., High last year. If he is not ready, Marc Washington (438 yards last year) will carry the load.

For Tosches to match last year's 7-3 mark, Princeton will need another strong defensive performance. Sophomore Tom Ludwig picked off seven passes as a freshman last year and should lead a solid group in the backfield. Senior linebacker David Patterson and defensive lineman Darrell Oliviera are all-league caliber.

6. YALE Bulldogs

OVERVIEW: Yale returns senior Dave Prybly, easily the league's best tight end (24 catches last season) and senior quarterback Chris Hetherington, who has a strong chemistry with Prybly. Senior lineman Mike Bender is an equally effective run or pass blocker.

Defensively, Yale (5-5, 3-4) was second to last in the league in yardage given up per game (360.9). The Bulldogs hope seven returning starters can step up. Yale's plus-12 turnover ratio ranked 10th nationally in Division I-AA.

7. HARVARD Crimson

OVERVIEW: The Crimson (4-6, 2-5) were one of just two teams in the league that finished with a losing record overall. It wasn't because of quarterback Vin Ferrara, who was voted second-team all-league last year after throwing for 1,500 yards and 10 touchdowns. He also completed 59 percent of his passes, 26 to receiver Mike Halligan. Last year's big surprise was running back Eion Hu, who rushed for 1,011 yards and 11 touchdowns.

But such offensive promise doesn't overshadow the fact that Harvard gave up 417 yards a game last year, the worst mark in the league. Junior Kevin Dwan and sophomore Jeff Compas lead a decent defensive backfield.

8. DARTMOUTH Big Green

OVERVIEW: For the second straight year, the Big Green (4-6, 2-5) will not be much of a factor in the league. Dartmouth had the league's worst offense a year ago, although junior running back Pete Oberle (625 yards) played only six games due to a knee injury.

Junior Brian Larsen is one of the best offensive tackles in the league. Improved ball control will likely be the deciding factor between whether Dartmouth will gain some respect or endure another long season.

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By JOE SANTOLIKUITO

St. John's coach Bob Ricca would have one believe that parity will be the buzzword in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference this fall.

"No one is superior to anyone else," said Ricca, who is 110-63-1 in 17 years at St. John's.

Ricca's opinion, however, is in the minority around the MAAC. Ask the other coaches who will win the league and it takes them about a second to finger Ricca's team.

And with good reason. The Red Storm returns the league's most potent one-two offensive punch in sophomores quarterback Mark Levine and tailback Jermaine Creighton. Creighton was 15th in Division I-AA in rushing with 1,164 yards last season, while Levine finished 35th in total offense, averaging 199.8 yards per game.

1. ST. JOHN'S Red Storm

OVERVIEW: Creighton and Levine head a list of eight returning offensive starters for St. John's, which finished 10-1 overall and 6-1 in the MAAC last fall. Creighton led the league in rushing. Levine passed for 15 touchdowns and completed 53 percent of his passes.

Defensively, the Red Storm graduated Ray Lambright and Walter DeForest, but they return All-MAAC safety Steve DeAmicis along with junior defensive back Ken Forte and a pair of top-notch senior defensive linemen in tackle Steve Dombrowski and end Anthony Ferrara. The Red Storm's special teams won't be quite as special this season with kick returner extraordinaire Aaron Hatwood (nation's best 33.4 yards per kickoff return in '94) and All-MAAC kicker John Ledwith both lost to graduation.

2. GEORGETOWN Hoyas

OVERVIEW: The Hoyas (5-4, 4-3) won their last four games with freshman Bill Ward starting at quarterback. Ward completed 68 of 112 passes for 11 touchdowns and only two interceptions. The loss of All-MAAC tackles Murray Happer and Steve Colello could affect sophomore running back Steve Iorio, who rushed for a team-best 854 yards in 1994.

The Hoyas' leading tackler, senior Tom Wonica (101 tackles, 66 solo) returns to lead the defense, which was 16th in the nation against the run (109.9 yards per game) last year.

3. MARIST Red Foxes

OVERVIEW: The Red Foxes (7-3, 6-1) will be hurt by the graduation of Bruce Harris, a two-time Division I-AA national Player of the Week last season. Harris set Marist's all-time career interception record (16) and averaged 25.2 yards per kickoff and 10.2 yards per punt return.

But all is not lost. Twelve starters, led by sophomore Jovan Rhodes, are back for the defending MAAC champs. Rhodes was the biggest surprise in the conference last fall when he rushed for 1,059 yards and nine touchdowns. He got his chance when Kyle Carraro, who had offseason knee surgery, developed an infection before camp and was unable to play.

On the other side of the ball, sophomore defensive back Mario Wilson, the 1994 MAAC Rookie Defensive Player of the Year, is back. Wilson picked off six passes for Marist, which ranked ninth nationally in total defense (273.6 ypg) last season. The bad news is that standout

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

1. ST. JOHN'S
2. GEORGETOWN
3. MARIST
4. DUQUESNE
5. IONA
6. CANISIUS
7. SIENA
8. ST. PETER'S

Preseason All-MAAC Team

OFFENSE

QB	Tom Proudian, Iona	6-1	180	Sr.
RB	Jermaine Creighton, St. John's	5-9	175	So.
RB	Jovan Rhodes, Marist	5-10	175	So.
WR	Mark Kolbe, Canisius	6-4	190	Sr.
WR	Mark Neely, Duquesne	6-0	185	Jr.
TE	Dan Parker, St. John's	5-11	188	Sr.
OL	Dan Rhein, St. John's	6-2	225	Jr.
OL	Andy Crocker, Duquesne	6-3	240	Jr.
OL	Carlos Rivera, Duquesne	6-2	240	Sr.
OL	Derek deBakker, Georgetown	6-4	255	Sr.
C	Jon Sanfratello, Canisius	6-2	240	Sr.

DEFENSE

DL	Jeff Saccomanno, Marist	6-0	267	Sr.
DL	John Wojciechowski, Duquesne	6-0	210	Sr.
DL	Mike Orsi, Duquesne	5-11	240	Sr.
LB	Joe Neckerman, Duquesne	6-0	210	Sr.
LB	Markeem Watson, St. Peter's	6-0	220	Jr.
LB	Tom Wonica, Georgetown	5-11	220	Sr.
LB	Roger Hancock, Marist	5-11	197	Sr.
DB	Mauro Monz, Duquesne	5-7	165	Sr.
DB	Aaron Fix, Canisius	5-11	180	Sr.
DB	Mario Wilson, Marist	5-11	167	So.
DB	Steve DeAmicis, St. John's	6-2	202	Jr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

K	Kris Bergman, Duquesne	5-10	160	Sr.
P	Bruce Nelson, Duquesne	6-4	180	Jr.
RS	Joe Rosato, Duquesne	5-10	165	So.



PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Tom Proudian, QB, Iona

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Tony Mastroianni, LB, Siena

sophomore linebacker Rick Fish is off the team for academic reasons.

4. DUQUESNE Dukes

OVERVIEW: Duquesne had more players on the All-MAAC team than any other team in the league but finished just 6-4 overall and 4-3 in the MAAC. All told, the Dukes placed 11 players on the postseason all-league teams, topped off by a pair of returning senior defensive linemen, John Wojciechowski and Mike Orsi. Playing behind them will be another first-team All-MAAC former in senior linebacker Joe Neckerman.

The major area of concern for Duquesne is offense. The Dukes finished 106th out of 117 I-AA teams in total offense (278.8 ypg) and averaged just 13.6 points a game last season. But they do have nine starters back, including wide receiver Mark Neely (37 catches, five touchdowns).

5. IONA Gaels

OVERVIEW: Tom Proudian, a bonafide Division I-AA All-America candidate, returns to engineer the Gaels' run-and-shoot attack. But they need more than Proudian if they plan to contend. A three-year starter who finished sixth in the nation in total offense (290.38 ypg), Proudian will be without wide receiver Tim Silo, who holds three Iona career receiving records. He does have 5-foot-4 sophomore Eric Spezio, who caught 53 passes for 627 yards and five touchdowns a year ago.

Defensively, the Gaels (3-6, 3-4) return leading tackler Chris LaMotta (77 tackles). The Gaels' young defense had as many as nine freshmen on the field last season. Opposing teams exploited the group for 412 yards of total offense per game.

6. CANISIUS Golden Griffins

OVERVIEW: Chuck Williams, Canisius' defensive coordinator the last three years, takes over for Barry Mynter. Williams has been affiliated with Canisius off and on for 11 years and feels his team was better than it showed last season.

Canisius (2-8, 2-5) had one of the nation's better defensive teams last season (No. 23 nationally). Returnees on both sides of the ball include seniors Aaron Fix, an All-MAAC defensive back, and Jon Sanfratello, a second-team All-MAAC center.

"I don't feel we were a 2-8 football team," Williams said. "I think we have enough talent to turn things around right now, provided we get the leadership we need."

7. SIENA Saints

OVERVIEW: The Saints (3-6, 3-4) had just one player, linebacker Jason Ellis, earn All-MAAC honors of any kind and he graduated. With him, Siena struggled defensively, yielding 387.9 yards a game, and were ranked 87th nationally in total defense. The Saints do have three key returnees: defensive end Tom Gianatasio and a pair of linebackers, Scott Hartman and Scott Snyder.

Offensively, junior tailback Jeff Sawulski returns. The conference's top rookie two years ago slumped last season, as he rushed for 435 yards, just 48.3 yards per game.

8. ST. PETER'S Peacocks

OVERVIEW: All-MAAC receiver Ray Marshall did everything for the Peacocks (1-8, 1-6) except drive the team bus. Last season, Marshall, who graduated, caught 69 passes in nine games and accounted for 800 of the Peacocks' 1,278 passing yards.

St. Peter's figures to be strong on defense, thanks to the return of junior linebacker Markeem Watson (123 tackles). Offensively, junior tailback Tyrone Jenkins (82 carries, 385 yards) got the bulk of carries last season, and sophomore Eddie McDowell also contributed (67-229, one TD).

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By GREG CARSON

Last season, South Carolina State earned the MEAC's first-ever win in the Heritage Bowl with a 31-27 come-from-behind victory over legendary coach Eddie Robinson and the Grambling Tigers.

Repeating as conference champs will be difficult for the Bulldogs with the losses of MEAC Offensive Player of the Year Marvin Marshall, the first player in school and league history to rush for 1,000 yards and pass for 1,000 yards in one season, All-MEAC receiver Freddie Solomon and All-America defensive end Anthony Cook, the MEAC's all-time sack leader.

But all is not lost. The Bulldogs have an experienced offensive line, plus last year's Division I-AA touchdown leader in Michael Hicks and a talented recruiting class. The best bets to unseat the Bulldogs are North Carolina A&T and Florida A&M.

1. SOUTH CAROLINA STATE Bulldogs

OVERVIEW: The defending league champs lost 10 starters and 17 lettermen. The return of first-team All-MEAC tailback Hicks, who rushed for 1,388 yards and 22 touchdowns, is a huge plus. In addition to Hicks, the Bulldogs (10-2 overall, 6-0 MEAC) return ample experience on the offensive line, at line-backer and in the defensive secondary.

The Bulldogs have a talented receiving corps, led by a pair of all-league candidates in wide receiver Early Harris and tight end Kelly Craig. First-team All-MEAC tackle Raleigh Roundtree and center Jerrell Moore anchor a powerful offensive line.

Defensively, the Bulldogs return a stellar group of linebackers, led by Lamond Nelson and Dameon Palmer — two of the top tacklers in the league a year ago. Russell Thomas and Jermaine Derricott pace a solid secondary.

2. NORTH CAROLINA A&T Aggies

OVERVIEW: Last season, North Carolina A&T coach Bill Hayes saw what began as a championship season evaporate before his eyes as injuries ravaged his team (6-5, 3-3). So Hayes used this spring's practices to improve his overall team depth.

Veteran quarterback Maseo Bolin returns from offseason knee surgery. Clemson transfer Milton Shaw is expected to step in at tailback, where he will be joined by spring practice standout Cedric Johnson. The Aggies' offensive line suffered a huge loss with the departure of Don Willis, who turned pro after just one season at N.C. A&T, but they return tackles Jamain Stephens, center Andre Taylor and guard Lamont Jones.

The Aggie defense will be led by first-team All-MEAC linebacker Tim Johnson, Rod McDougald and Mike Hamilton. University of Washington transfer defensive tackle Cedric White had an impressive spring as did nose guard Terrance Spencer and end Toran James.

3. FLORIDA A&M Rattlers

OVERVIEW: Last season, first-year Rattler head coach Billy Joe had his team on track for the conference title, posting a 4-2 mark through

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1. SOUTH CAROLINA STATE
2. NORTH CAROLINA A&T
3. FLORIDA A&M
4. DELAWARE STATE
5. HOWARD
6. BETHUNE-COOKMAN
7. MORGAN STATE

Preseason All-MEAC Team

OFFENSE

QB	Ray Domingo, Florida A&M	6-1	212	Sr.
RB	Michael Hicks, S. Carolina St.	6-1	185	Sr.
RB	Fabian Thorne, Delaware St.	5-9	215	Sr.
WR	Early Harris, S. Carolina St.	5-11	180	Sr.
WR	Robert Wilson, Florida A&M	6-0	190	Jr.
TE	Kelly Craig, S. Carolina St.	6-3	225	Sr.
OL	Raleigh Roundtree, S. Carolina St.	6-6	285	Jr.
OL	Jamain Stephens, N.C. A&T	6-7	320	Jr.
OL	Robert Bell, Howard	6-4	305	Sr.
OL	Cecil Risher, Bethune-Cookman	6-0	250	Sr.
OL	Jerrell Moore, S. Carolina St.	6-3	300	So.

DEFENSE

DL	Ernest Shockley, Delaware St.	6-5	235	Sr.
DL	Toran James, N.C. A&T	6-3	243	Jr.
DL	Reggie Lee, Florida A&M	6-2	280	Sr.
LB	Lamond Nelson, S. Carolina St.	5-11	195	Sr.
LB	Earl Holmes, Florida A&M	6-2	230	Sr.
LB	Dameon Palmer, S. Carolina St.	6-2	240	Jr.
LB	Tim Johnson, N.C. A&T	6-0	215	Sr.
DB	Russell Thomas, S. Carolina St.	5-9	170	Sr.
DB	Willie Oglesby, Bethune-Cookman	6-5	195	Jr.
DB	Jermaine Derricott, S. Carolina St.	6-1	200	So.
DB	William Burch, Howard	6-1	180	Jr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

K	Jason DeCuir, Howard	5-8	160	Jr.
P	Ruben Ruiz, Howard	5-8	160	Jr.
RS	Tyrone Sneed, Bethune-Cookman	5-7	170	Jr.



PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Michael Hicks, RB, South Carolina State

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Milton Shaw, RB, North Carolina A&T

the first six games. But fate reared its ugly head against South Carolina State in week seven, when quarterback Ray Domingo, who was putting up MVP-type numbers, suffered a season-ending injury. FAMU (6-5, 2-4) lost to the Bulldogs and then dropped two of its last four games.

Joe returns talent on both sides of the ball. The defense boasts Division I-AA All-America linebacker Earl Holmes, All-MEAC end Reggie Lee and tackle Tony Barrial. Offensively, Domingo returns and will be joined by all-conference wide receiver Robert Wilson and veteran running backs Reggie Glover and Kwame Vidal.

4. DELAWARE STATE Hornets

OVERVIEW: Hornets coach Bill Collick could probably do without the distractions accompanying the athletic director duties he inherited in the offseason. Collick won't have to worry about both positions for long, however, as school officials have mandated he choose one or the other, which means this could be the swan song for Collick.

With the emergence of a passing game, the Hornets (7-4, 4-2) ran a versatile offense. However, the team lost halfback Phil Anderson and wideouts Curtis Thomas and Derrick Neal, who combined for 2,435 of the Hornets' 4,557 yards from scrimmage and half of Delaware State's 40 touchdowns last season. Fortunately, quarterback Dennis Jones, who led the conference in passing last year, returns, as does second-team All-MEAC fullback Fabian Thorne (1,089 rushing yards, 13 TDs).

5. HOWARD Bison

OVERVIEW: First and foremost for Howard coach Steve Wilson in '95 will be finding a quarterback, a position that saw four different players try their hand a year ago. The front-runner is redshirt freshman Ted White, who had a solid spring. Antonio King, who started the final four games last season, will press White. The strength of the Howard offense is its line, led by 300-pounders Daryl Hall at center and tackles Robert Bell and Anthony Heyward. Running back Rhadi Ferguson returns from a shoulder injury and will be counted on heavily to help Howard (4-7, 1-5) out of the MEAC cellar, where it finished last season after winning the conference title in 1993.

6. BETHUNE-COOKMAN Wildcats

OVERVIEW: MEAC Coach of the Year Cy McClair, in his return to the Wildcats last year, led them to their best finish (5-6, 3-3) since 1988. Heavy losses will hurt, but they have first-team All-MEAC offensive lineman Cecil Risher, standout junior lineman Joe Brown and running back Wilmer White, an honorable-mention All-MEAC selection last season, to build around.

Defensively, Bethune will be led by first-team All-MEAC end Raymond Woodie.

7. MORGAN STATE Bears

OVERVIEW: While other MEAC coaches worry about the league title, Morgan State skipper Ricky Diggs just wants to make his team (3-8, 2-4) competitive.

Leadership and experience will return in a pair of second-team All-MEAC selections: hard-hitting linebacker Levi Baucom (102 tackles, three sacks) and quarterback Michael Moore. Baucom will be joined by nose guard Willie Thompson, who led the team with six sacks. Moore, who broke the school's single-season passing record with 2,137 yards and 15 touchdowns last year, is in the same boat as Baucom. Both will try to revive departments that finished dead last in the conference last season.

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By DEAN FOX

Just when it seemed like the Ohio Valley Conference was escaping the Big Two-and-Little Seven mold, Roy Kidd and Boots Donnelly asserted themselves — again.

Kidd's Eastern Kentucky team won the OVC title for the 11th time in 14 years, with Donnelly's MTSU squad joining the Colonels in the Division I-AA playoffs. It was the sixth time in seven seasons that the two schools have finished 1-2 in the league.

In 1995, the song should remain the same.

1. EASTERN KENTUCKY Colonels

OVERVIEW: Like basketball's Dean Smith, Kidd apparently enjoys coaching in the stadium named for him. His teams are 96-9-1 at home, and this year's squad — with 15 returning starters — should pad that record.

Any success will start with junior linebacker Tony McCombs, who led the conference in tackles last year. Six of the Colonels' top seven tacklers are back, so EKV (10-3 overall, 8-0 in conf.) should again have the OVC's best defense.

Several key offensive stars are gone from last year's Division I-AA quarterfinalist, so the running game figures to carry the Colonels' offense. William Murrell leads a strong contingent of tailbacks that will run behind an offensive line led by tackle Jason Combs and guard James Hand.

2. SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE Indians

OVERVIEW: Picking the Indians to finish this highly is a bit risky considering the losses of all-league running back Kelvin Anderson and defensive lineman Doug Berg. But with 16 starters back, Southeast Missouri has reason for optimism.

Berg led the OVC with 11½ sacks last season, but he was only the third-leading tackler on the team. The top two — linebackers Brian Burton and Robert Haggerty — return, along with noseguard Angel Rubio. Don't forget safety Greg Klund (five interceptions), who helped Southeast force 33 turnovers last year.

Offensively, Southeast (7-5, 5-3) returns four starters on the front line. As a freshman, Fred Hoston was one of only four OVC quarterbacks to throw for more touchdowns than interceptions.

3. MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE Blue Raiders

OVERVIEW: Middle Tennessee (8-3-1, 7-1) was six points away from an undefeated regular season last year, but two losses and a tie forced the Blue Raiders into an unenviable position — a first-round playoff game at Marshall. MTSU lost, 49-14.

Replacing offensive stars Kelly Holcomb and Kippy Bayless will be a difficult task, but the Blue Raiders also lost all-league performers Patrick Hicks, Cory Simpson and Garth Petrilli who helped MTSU average 35.2 points and 402.1 yards.

Linebacker Nathaniel Claybrooks is a bonafide candidate for Defensive Player of the Year and will lead a defense which looks to improve on a fourth-place ranking in the conference.

4. TENNESSEE STATE Tigers

OVERVIEW: Optimism surrounds the play of quarterback Daryl Williams and defensive back Darrell Williams. Daryl Williams helped the Tigers (5-6, 4-4) lead the OVC in passing

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1. EASTERN KENTUCKY
2. SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE
3. MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE
4. TENNESSEE STATE
5. AUSTIN PEAY
6. TENNESSEE TECH
7. MURRAY STATE
8. TENNESSEE-MARTIN
9. MOREHEAD STATE

Preseason All-Ohio Valley Team

OFFENSE

QB	Daryl Williams, Tennessee St.	6-1	175	Sr.
RB	Michael Penix, Tennessee Tech	6-1	190	Sr.
RB	Jacob Dickson, Austin Peay	6-0	190	Jr.
WR	Clarence Jones, Tennessee St.	6-1	185	Sr.
WR	Lawrence Segree, Tennessee St.	6-2	195	Sr.
TE	Chris Whitefield, E. Kentucky	6-3	261	Sr.
OL	Jason Combs, E. Kentucky	6-2	281	Sr.
OL	Dan Pride, Tennessee St.	6-4	270	Sr.
OL	James Hand, E. Kentucky	6-1	264	Sr.
OL	Chris Reid, Tennessee Tech	6-2	250	Sr.
OL	Durand Frierson, SE Missouri St.	6-3	260	Jr.

DEFENSE

DL	Jim Lackey, Tennessee St.	6-2	280	Sr.
DL	Brad Godwin, Tennessee-Martin	6-1	255	Sr.
DL	Angel Rubio, SE Missouri St.	6-3	265	Jr.
DL	Jeff Hornack, Murray State	6-1	240	Sr.
LB	Tony McCombs, E. Kentucky	6-3	205	Jr.
LB	Nathaniel Claybrooks, M. Tn. St.	6-1	230	Sr.
LB	Bobby Haggerty, SE Missouri St.	6-2	215	Jr.
DB	Darrell Williams, Tennessee St.	5-10	195	Sr.
DB	Joe Smith, E. Kentucky	6-2	196	Sr.
DB	Cliff Freeman, Morehead State	6-2	186	Jr.
DB	Bob Head, E. Kentucky	6-0	184	Jr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK	Marc Collins, E. Kentucky	6-4	211	Sr.
P	Brandon Thomas, M. Tenn. St.	6-0	190	So.
RS	Dione Tyler, SE Miss. St.	5-9	180	Sr.



PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Tony McCombs, LB, Eastern Kentucky

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Tony Robinson, DE, Tennessee-Martin

offense, while Darrell Williams helped TSU lead the league in passing defense.

The passing game will be buoyed by the return of receivers Clarence Jones and Lawrence Segree. Both caught 54 passes for over 700 yards last year.

Defensive tackle Jim Lackey and linebacker Michael Holcey (eight sacks) will provide a fierce pass rush.

5. AUSTIN PEAY Governors

OVERVIEW: The Governors (4-7, 3-5) were much improved last season, thanks to a rushing attack that was tops in the conference.

Despite rushing for 272.3 yards per game, the Governors spread the wealth. Jacob Dickson ran for only 624 yards (5.3 average), while quarterback Anthony Lee and running back Chris Horton combined for 900 more. With the offensive line intact, there's no reason why the offense shouldn't be just as effective.

Quarterback-turned-linebacker Jeff Gooch must become the defense's new leader.

6. TENNESSEE TECH Golden Eagles

OVERVIEW: After winning 15 games in two seasons — the school's best output since the Carter administration — Tennessee Tech (5-6, 3-5) fell back under the .500 mark.

The season was particularly disappointing in light of the fact that Tech returned all its offensive starters and was expected to contend for the OVC title. Now, with quarterback Mike Jones and tailback Willie Queen gone, running back Michael Penix (932 yards, nine TDs) must carry the brunt of the offense. Three starters return to the offensive line, and the Golden Eagles' top five receivers — including Penix — also come back.

Linebackers Jeff Moran and Trent McNaull are the top returning tacklers.

7. MURRAY STATE Racers

OVERVIEW: The Racers (5-6, 4-4) lost four of their last five games last year, ruining a bid for their first winning season since 1989.

The good news, however, is that the Racers — led by defensive lineman Jeff Hornack (seven sacks) should be a year older and wiser. William Hampton (four interceptions) leads a secondary which finished last in the OVC.

QB Benji Bona returns and will battle Mike Cherry, a transfer from Arkansas, for playing time.

8. TENNESSEE-MARTIN Pacers

OVERVIEW: The Pacers (5-6, 2-6) have made an impressive transition from Division II to the OVC level, winning almost half of their games in the three years since making the move.

Defense was UTM's strength last year, ranking third in the conference. But the Pacers must overcome the loss of Brian Spano and Dewayne Harper, who combined for 211 tackles.

Trying to offset that loss will be the defensive linemen Brad Godwin (8½ sacks) and Tony Robinson, a transfer from Tennessee.

Coach Don McLeary hopes the Pacer offense can adapt to a new short-passing attack centered around wideout Maurice Blakemore.

9. MOREHEAD STATE Eagles

OVERVIEW: Last year at this time, Morehead State was a mess. Coach Matt Ballard and his staff weren't in place until March, and the team was very young. The results were predictable.

Morehead (0-11, 0-8) allowed 50.5 points a game, yielding 44 or more in every game but two. Ballard will start rebuilding around defensive back Cliff Freeman (90 tackles, four interceptions).

Three starters return to the offensive line and will protect quarterback J.P. Blair (904 yards), who could use help from any sort of running game.

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By BRIAN FREEMAN

In his 14 seasons as head coach at Lafayette, Bill Russo has seen a lot of missiles fired at his team. But Russo has been able to dodge opposing team's weapons and lead the Leopards to three league titles in the last seven seasons.

In fact, the longest-running feud in the Patriot League is Bill Russo against change. For 14 years, Russo has been the head coach at Lafayette and has seen the league devour and dismiss dozens of his coaching colleagues. Russo has been with the league two years more than the other five coaches combined.

Consistency has its advantages. Lafayette again is favored to win the title. But Peter Vaas, whose four-year stint at Holy Cross is the second-longest tenure in the conference, has the Crusaders hot on the Leopards' lead.

1. LAFAYETTE Leopards

OVERVIEW: The Leopards (5-6 overall, 5-0 Patriot League) were the best team in the league last season and should be the Patriot's premier program again this season. Replacing running back Erik Marsh will be close to impossible. He finished his career as the fourth all-time leading rusher in Division I-AA football.

Without Marsh, expect the Leopards to take to the air a little more often. Sophomore quarterback Shawn McHale completed 133 of 244 passes for 1,845 yards and 12 touchdowns. Senior wide receivers Jarrett Shine (34 receptions, 411 yards) and Tramont Evans (32 catches, 722 yards, seven TDs) are stars. Shine will probably move to tailback, but he'll remain a receiving threat out of the backfield.

On defense, three of the four starting defensive linemen must be replaced, but look for senior middle linebacker Rawle Howard, senior defensive lineman Gavin Morrissey and senior defensive back Matt Cope, all first-team all-league selections last year, to lead a strong Leopards' unit.

2. HOLY CROSS Crusaders

OVERVIEW: The Crusaders (3-8, 3-2) lost 18 seniors to graduation last year, but they return several standouts, including All-America candidate Tom Claro, a 6-foot-6, 310-pound offensive lineman and an all-league selection a year ago. Sophomore running back J.R. Walz was the Patriot League Rookie of the Year last season piling up 947 yards of total offense (712 rushing, 235 receiving) and seven touchdowns. Senior quarterback Andy Fitzpatrick attempted just 102 passes as a backup. He's now in charge of the Crusaders' offense. Claro and Mike Zimirowski (6-3, 280) anchor the line.

Defensively, Holy Cross returns junior linebacker David Streeter (81 tackles in nine games last year), a first-team all-league choice last season. The defense has to improve. The Crusaders were last in the league in scoring defense - giving up 29.7 points per game - and last in total defense, allowing 432.9 yards per game.

3. LEHIGH Engineers

OVERVIEW: The Engineers (5-5-1, 3-2) have

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

1. LAFAYETTE
2. HOLY CROSS
3. LEHIGH
4. BUCKNELL
5. COLGATE
6. FORDHAM

Preseason All-Patriot Team

OFFENSE

QB	Bob Aylsworth, Lehigh	6-0	180	Sr.
RB	Rich Lemon, Bucknell	5-9	160	Jr.
RB	Rabih Abdullah, Lehigh	6-0	195	Jr.
WR	Brian Klingerman, Lehigh	5-7	165	Sr.
WR	Tramont Evans, Lafayette	6-2	175	Sr.
TE	Glenn Hunzinger, Lafayette	6-3	250	Sr.
OL	Tom Claro, Holy Cross	6-5	310	Sr.
OL	Jeff Denning, Lafayette	6-3	270	Sr.
OL	Steve Borys, Fordham	6-3	270	Sr.
OL	Mike Zimrowski, Holy Cross	6-3	280	Jr.
C	Jeremy Sweeney, Lafayette	6-3	250	Sr.

DEFENSE

DL	Ed Burman, Bucknell	6-4	250	Sr.
DL	Gavin Morrissey, Lafayette	6-2	250	Sr.
DL	Dave Sunderland, Lehigh	6-5	270	Jr.
DL	Carl Barbera, Fordham	6-3	250	Jr.
LB	Rawle Howard, Lafayette	6-4	230	Sr.
LB	David Streeter, Holy Cross	6-2	220	Jr.
LB	Tom Morelli, Colgate	6-0	200	Sr.
DB	Marcus Cameron, Colgate	6-0	190	Jr.
DB	Matt Cope, Lafayette	6-2	200	Sr.
DB	Mark Miller, Bucknell	5-10	180	Sr.
DB	Tadji Chattman, Lafayette	6-0	180	Jr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

K	Rich Miller, Bucknell	6-1	200	Jr.
P	Rich Miller, Bucknell	6-1	200	Jr.
RS	Marcus Cameron, Colgate	6-0	190	Jr.



PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Bob Aylsworth, QB, Lehigh

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Ronnie Rocket, WR, Bucknell

always had a strong passing tradition, and last year was no different as they ranked 11th in the country in passing offense with 294.7 yards per game. First-team all-league quarterback Bob Aylsworth completed 197 of 309 passes for 2,537 yards and 22 touchdowns and finished the season as the No. 10 passer in Division I-AA. Now a senior, Aylsworth will be joined by all-league senior wide receiver Brian Klingerman (71 catches, 1,135 yards, 11 TDs). Junior running back Rabih Abdullah, a second-team all-league selection last year, kept opposing defenses honest as he rushed for 915 yards and seven touchdowns on 168 carries.

With all of those weapons, scoring won't be

a problem; the question is the defense. There are bright spots. Junior defensive tackle Dave Sunderland (6-5, 270) is a force and junior linebacker Lance Eckenrode has the potential to be a first-team all-league player.

4. BUCKNELL Bison

OVERVIEW: As junior running back Rich Lemon goes, so go the Bison. Lemon, the conference co-Player of the Year last season, showed no signs of a sophomore jinx as he rushed for 1,496 yards on 282 carries and nine touchdowns for Bucknell (5-6, 2-3). He ranked sixth in Division I-AA in rushing, and he also caught 42 passes for 368 yards and two touchdowns, while averaging 170.9 all-purpose yards per game, ninth best in Division I-AA. Lemon enters the 1995 season with 15 straight 100-yard rushing games. Opening holes for Lemon will be senior offensive lineman Brian Gay.

Senior free safety Mark Miller should be the top safety in the league. Defensive lineman Rich Miller (11 sacks) was also a first-team all-league selection as Bucknell's punter and placekicker. "We have to retool the offensive and defensive lines, and we need to rebuild our linebacking corps," Coach Tom Gadd said.

5. COLGATE Red Raiders

OVERVIEW: The Red Raiders (3-8, 2-3) will be led at quarterback by either junior Ian Prisuta or sophomore Mark Lindell, who saw action in four games as a freshman last season. Junior fullback Jamal Patterson and junior tailback Anthony Caravetta (520 yards on 100 carries) form a potent backfield. Senior tight end Jon O'Flynn is a three-year starter and was the team's second-leading receiver last season with 33 receptions for 332 yards. Sophomore wide receiver D.J. Hough scored seven touchdowns last season as a freshman.

Defensively, junior defensive back Marcus Cameron was a first-team all-league selection after leading the Patriot League with four interceptions. Junior linebacker Tom Morelli was a second team all-league selection last season. Junior linebacker Chris Young made 109 tackles in 1994.

6. FORDHAM Rams

OVERVIEW: The Rams (0-11, 0-5) can only go up this season. Coach Nick Quartaro knows he has a huge task in rebuilding the Rams, but he was the associate head coach at Kansas State before coming to Fordham and he helped turn the Wildcats from perennial losers into Big Eight contenders in a short time.

Senior wide receiver Randy Zingo caught 44 passes for 388 yards a year ago. Quarterback Joe Moorhead completed 159 of 304 passes for 1,538 yards and seven touchdowns last season as a junior. Sophomore defensive back Pat Destro picked off three passes last season for the Rams.

"I think a year together will definitely help the team," Quartaro said. "The experience factor on offense will help. But, we still need to improve the running game. Defensively, we have a lot of holes to fill, but we have some talented youngsters who can step in for us."

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By **BILL DOHERTY**

What can Butler running back Arnold Mickens possibly do for an encore? Last season, the 6-foot, 220-pound Mickens took college football by storm, rushing for a I-AA-record 2,255 yards and a conference-high 18 touchdowns.

For three years, Mickens was on a full scholarship at Indiana University, where after red-shirting his freshman year, he played line-backer and blocking fullback. Tired of not getting to carry the ball, Mickens walked away from the Hoosiers and floated a couple of loans to play for his hometown school Butler, a I-AA school that offers no athletic scholarships.

"I wanted to carry the football, which I couldn't do at IU," Mickens said. "And I wanted football to be fun again, not a job."

Dayton, which won the league two years ago and were co-champs last year, again is considered the team to beat. Giving chase will be Drake, San Diego and of course, Mickens and Co. at Butler.

1. DAYTON Flyers

OVERVIEW: Defending league co-champ Dayton (8-2 overall, 4-1 Pioneer) still wears the bull's-eye, despite the loss of 12 of 22 starters. On offense, the most important question is which one of two seniors, Britton Crates or Brian Kadel, will replace Tony Ernst at quarterback. Bet on Crates, a multi-talented Michigan State transfer, to get the nod.

Running backs Benji Miller (525 yards), Joshua Schwochow (454) and Jack Wilson (12 rushing TDs) all are back from a squad that was seventh in the nation in rushing (264.6 ypg).

The defense ranked 15th in all of I-AA last season, but there is some rebuilding to do. One of the building blocks will be defensive back Matt Deters, who picked off five passes last fall.

"We have the winning tradition [136 wins in the last 14 seasons]. I just wish we had some more returnees," said Dayton coach Mike Kelly.

2. DRAKE Bulldogs

OVERVIEW: The Bulldogs' stingy defense, which ranked third in I-AA in both scoring defense (11.5 ppg) and total defense (247.7 ypg) last season, must be rebuilt. This year, the burden will fall on the Drake offense, which returns nine starters.

Quarterback Roy Fletcher, a fifth-year senior, is an accurate passer. He completed 127 of 236 passes for 1,619 yards and 13 touchdowns last season. His favorite target, Rich Hoskins (42 catches, 480 yards) returns. Sophomore Charles Schimberg (team-best 810 yards) also is back for Drake (7-3, 3-2), along with senior tailbacks Matt Conlan (376 yards) and Cortez Hull (325 yards). The offensive line is also strong, led by all-league performer Matt Jones.

On defense, the entire front four must be replaced. But all is not lost. First-team all-league middle linebacker Matt Garvis is back, as are a pair of all-league defensive backs — seniors Tom Boecker and Kerman Mason.

3. BUTLER Bulldogs

OVERVIEW: The Bulldogs (7-3, 4-1) return only five starters from last season's league co-champs, but one of those five returnees is Mickens, the record-setting workhorse runner. Mickens already holds or shares 14

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

1. DAYTON
2. DRAKE
3. BUTLER
4. SAN DIEGO
5. VALPARAISO
6. EVANSVILLE

Preseason All-Pioneer Team

OFFENSE

QB Eric Fish, Evansville	6-2	180	Sr.
RB Arnold Mickens, Butler	6-0	220	Sr.
RB Jermaine Rucker, San Diego	5-10	195	Jr.
WR Evan Hlavacek, San Diego	5-11	170	Jr.
WR Rich Hoskins, Drake	6-0	198	Jr.
TE Matt Hausfeld, Dayton	6-2	218	Sr.
OL Brady Wolfer, Dayton	6-3	239	Sr.
OL Matt Jones, Drake	6-5	228	Sr.
OL Evan Fitzgerald, Valparaiso	6-4	243	Jr.
OL Jeff Durham, Evansville	6-4	250	Sr.
OL Tony Yenichek, Dayton	5-11	224	Sr.

DEFENSE

DL Ed Hathaway, Evansville	6-3	240	So.
DL Jeff Miller, Dayton	6-1	190	Sr.
DL John Harrington, Valparaiso	6-2	205	Jr.
DL Ron Griswold, Butler	5-11	200	So.
LB Josh Berning, Valparaiso	6-2	211	Sr.
LB Matt Garvis, Drake	6-3	223	Sr.
LB Adam Bruggenschmidt, Evans.	6-4	205	Sr.
DB Tom Boecker, Drake	5-11	175	Sr.
DB Matt Deters, Dayton	5-11	192	Sr.
DB Doug Popovich, San Diego	6-1	185	Sr.
DB James Duncan, Evansville	6-4	220	Sr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

K Matt Young, San Diego	6-0	178	Sr.
P Dan Koepke, Valparaiso	6-2	197	So.
RS Ozzie Young, Valparaiso	5-7	171	Sr.



PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Arnold Mickens, RB, Butler

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Ike Aaingbo, DB, Valparaiso

NCAA rushing records. He could possibly develop into a darkhorse Heisman Trophy candidate if head coach Ken LaRose can totally rebuild the offensive line.

Around him, Mickens will see more new faces than even the busiest Hollywood plastic surgeon. The only returning regulars on offense are quarterback Toby Jacobs (380 yards passing, three TDs) and wide receiver Jim Piko.

Defensively, the strength of the team will be the secondary, where two regulars return in senior Craig Hauser and junior Damon Moore. Elsewhere, there are lots of holes to fill, including an unexpected one at punter, where one of the league's best, Pat Kelly (38.9 avg.), was an academic casualty.

4. SAN DIEGO Toreros

OVERVIEW: In any other league in the nation, San Diego junior tailback Jermaine Rucker would be considered the man. As a sophomore, Rucker was seventh in the nation in rushing, averaging 133.2 yards per game and setting a school single-season record with 1,332 yards.

Rucker might have to be even more productive than last year. The reason? Vince Moiso, who directed San Diego's high-scoring Wing-T offense last fall, has graduated. Possible replacements Jim Beck and Clayton Klein are highly inexperienced. Whoever the new quarterback is, he will have some talented skill players at his disposal, including Rucker and an all-league candidate in junior wideout Evan Hlavacek.

While scoring points shouldn't be a problem for the Toreros (6-4, 2-3), slowing other teams down might be. San Diego was 93rd out of 117 I-AA teams in total defense last fall, allowing almost 400 yards per game (392.8). The only area of strength is its secondary, where All-America candidate Doug Popovich (142 total tackles in '94) returns.

5. VALPARAISO Crusaders

OVERVIEW: The skill positions appear to be the strength of the offensive unit for Valparaiso (7-3, 2-3), even though pass-catching star Doug Holok has graduated. Junior Nick Browder (178.4 yards of total offense per game in '94) is back to run the team. Ozzie Young returns for his senior season, after rushing for 606 yards in '94. The top receiving threats will be senior Scott Heinrichs and junior Michael Tolbert. Junior guards Evan Fitzgerald and Kevin McHale anchor what head coach Tom Horne hopes is a more consistent offensive line.

Horne is excited about his defense, which returns eight starters. Leading the way on defense will be linebackers Josh Berning and Tom Cunningham. Berning is a great athlete (4.5 in the 40, a former high-hurdler). Junior John Harrington will anchor the defensive line, while Nebraska transfer Ike Aaingbo should help shore up the defensive backfield.

6. EVANSVILLE Aces

OVERVIEW: Senior quarterback Eric Fish, a second-team All-Pioneer League selection last season, returns to engineer the Aces' high-octane passing attack. Fish isn't very mobile, but he certainly is productive — finishing 20th in Division I-AA football last fall in all-purpose yardage (230 ypg). The senior could be like a er, fish out of water early in the year without his favorite target, 6-5, 240-pound tight end Hanz Hoag. Hoag, a first team *Associated Press* All America last year, finished his stellar career with 235 receptions, just 10 short of the all-time I-AA record for career receptions by a tight end.

Cooper's biggest concern on offense is finding a way to improve the Aces' woeful ground game. In 1994, Evansville (4-6, 0-5) was 115th in I-AA in rushing offense (52.8 ypg). Evansville also wasn't able to slow down opponent's rushing attacks ranking 114th in run defense (257.9 ypg). Cooper is certain that his team will prove tougher to move the ball against this season, thanks to the return of nine starters, including a pair of all-league performers in free safety James Duncan (125 tackles) and linebacker Adam Bruggenschmidt (111 tackles).

By MIKE CHERRY

Marshall and Appalachian State will again be the teams to chase in the Southern Conference. Despite losing two-year starting quarterback Todd Donnan, Marshall is loaded with all-league players. Appalachian State returns nine starters from the league's top defense.

Just which team has the edge should be decided Oct. 21, when Appalachian State travels to Marshall's University Stadium, where the Thundering Herd holds a 38-2 record.

1. MARSHALL Thundering Herd

OVERVIEW: Despite having 14 starters back, Marshall is the only league team searching for a starting quarterback. Competing for the vacated job are 1994 backups Larry Harris and Brian Day plus Ohio State transfer Mark Zban.

The rest of the team is sound as the Herd (12-2 overall, 7-1 conference) eyes its fifth consecutive conference title. The offense is led by senior tailback Chris Parker, an All-America candidate who has 4,091 career rushing yards (1,726 last season) and 52 touchdowns. Four of the five starting offensive linemen return, as do the top wide receivers, led by junior Tim Martin (67 catches).

Marshall's main defensive concern is finding replacements at the safety positions. The line should be the unit's strength, particularly if sophomore end B.J. Cohen (league-best 12 sacks) continues to improve.

2. APPALACHIAN STATE Mountaineers

OVERVIEW: The Mountaineers (9-4, 6-2) have the makings of one of I-AA's best defenses. This unit should be stingy enough to land the team its fifth playoff appearance in seven seasons under coach Jerry Moore.

Two All-Americans return in junior linebacker Dexter Coakley (eight sacks) and senior cornerback Matt Stevens (10 interceptions), along with seven other starters. The best are senior defensive end Chip Miller (12 sacks) and junior line-backer Joe DiBernardo (team-high 161 tackles).

Senior quarterback Scott Satterfield, an adept runner and passer, is back to operate the offense. He accounted for 2,192 total yards and rushed for 10 touchdowns.

3. GEORGIA SOUTHERN Eagles

OVERVIEW: Although the Eagles (6-5, 5-3) have not had a losing season since restarting football in 1982, four of the last five teams have failed to gain a I-AA playoff spot.

Despite the loss of five all-league players, GSU should, simply on talent, challenge for a playoff berth. It won't be easy — not with road dates against Marshall (Sept. 16) and Appalachian State (Oct. 14).

League Freshman of the Year Kenny Robinson (1,105 yards) returns at quarterback and will be joined in the backfield by senior Marlow Warthen (team-high 658 yards rushing).

The defense returns seven starters, including senior cornerback Marco Bradham and senior strong safety Rob Stockton. Transfers such as linebacker Chris Smith (Minnesota) and place-kicker Eric Meng (Iowa) will help.

4. EAST TENNESSEE STATE Buccaneers

OVERVIEW: The Buccaneers (6-5, 4-4) have gradually regained respectability, and this year's

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1. MARSHALL
2. APPALACHIAN STATE
3. GEORGIA SOUTHERN
4. EAST TENNESSEE STATE
5. WESTERN CAROLINA
6. THE CITADEL
7. TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA
8. FURMAN
9. VMI

Preseason All-Southern Team

OFFENSE

QB	Chad Greene, W. Carolina	6-2	209	Sr.
RB	Thomas Haskins, VMI	5-8	170	Jr.
RB	Chris Parker, Marshall	5-11	190	Sr.
WR	Tim Martin, Marshall	5-9	175	Jr.
WR	Terrell Owens, Tenn.-Chatt.	6-3	195	Jr.
TE	Luther Broughton, Furman	6-2	235	Jr.
OL	Derek Beres, The Citadel	6-1	235	Jr.
OL	William Pannell, Marshall	6-4	295	Sr.
OL	Aaron Ferguson, Marshall	6-3	280	Jr.
OL	Scott Stinson, W. Carolina	6-1	295	Sr.
C	Wes Greenwell, W. Carolina	6-5	285	Sr.

DEFENSE

DL	B.J. Cohen, Marshall	6-3	235	So.
DL	Billy Lyon, Marshall	6-5	275	Jr.
DL	Chip Miller, Appalachian St.	6-3	240	Sr.
DL	James Russell, E. Tenn. St.	6-3	215	Jr.
LB	Dexter Coakley, Appalachian St.	5-11	208	Jr.
LB	Joe DiBernardo, Appalachian St.	6-2	225	Jr.
LB	Brian Stump, Marshall	6-0	235	Jr.
DB	Donnie Abraham, E. Tenn. St.	5-11	180	Sr.
DB	Marco Bradham, Ga. Southern	5-8	170	Sr.
DB	Matt Stevens, Appalachian St.	6-0	195	Sr.
DB	Mark Tate, Furman	5-10	190	Sr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

K	Jim Richter, Furman	6-4	195	Sr.
P	Josh Siefkin, Tenn.-Chatt.	6-0	195	Sr.
RS	Dexter Dawson, Ga. Southern	5-10	180	Sr.



PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Chris Parker, RB, Marshall

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Chris Smith, LB, Georgia Southern

Buc bunch will be built around its defense. Eight starters return, including junior end James Russell (10 sacks, 21 tackles for loss). Senior cornerback Donnie Abraham (three fumble recoveries) and strong safety Jeff Horton head a secondary with three starters back.

On offense, the Bucs must replace three starting linemen and their top four receivers. Junior Greg Ryan is back at quarterback after completing 60 percent of his passes for 2,446 yards. The offense also has its top four rushers back, including sophomore tailback Brian

Edwards (1,021 yards).

5. WESTERN CAROLINA Catamounts

OVERVIEW: The Catamounts (6-5, 5-3) are trying to get out of a recent rut; Western has not made the playoffs since 1983.

The Catamounts will utilize the skills of talented senior quarterback Chad Greene, scrapping some of the option and using more quick-hitting throws and a split backfield. Greene threw for 1,900 yards and 15 scores in 1994.

The defense, however, must fill some significant holes left by the graduation of the team's top six tacklers.

6. THE CITADEL Bulldogs

OVERVIEW: Eight offensive starters, including junior quarterback John Burton, return from a unit that scored at least 24 points in eight games.

The Citadel (6-5, 4-4) must replace fullback Travis Jervy and halfback Terrance Rivers, who rushed for a combined 2,117 yards and 27 touchdowns in 1994.

The Bulldog defense, however, lost the top six tacklers from a unit that allowed 407 yards per game. Junior cornerback Reggie Moore had five interceptions last season.

7. TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA Moccasins

OVERVIEW: The once-proud Moccasins (3-8, 2-6) are looking to end a string of three consecutive losing seasons.

Junior Jeff Peters, who threw for 261 yards in 21 minutes against Georgia Southern, will start at quarterback after battling four-year starter Kenyon Earl last season. His top target is pro prospect Terrell Owens (57 catches, 836 yards, six TDs).

Nine starters return on defense, which has nowhere to go but up after allowing 38.7 points a game last season.

8. FURMAN Paladins

OVERVIEW: With eight league titles from 1980-'90, the Paladins were once the most feared program in the conference. Furman has since slipped and is now looking to end its first string of consecutive non-winning seasons since 1974-'75.

Junior Branniff Bonaventure (1,674 passing yards in 1994) should beat out redshirt senior Philly Jones at quarterback.

Once the team's strong point, the defense has fallen on yielding times. Furman allowed 258 rushing yards per game in 1994.

9. VMI Keydets

OVERVIEW: VMI (1-10, 1-7) has not had a winning season — overall or in conference play — since 1981, but coach Bill Stewart is trying to turn things around, having scrapped the program's wishbone-running tradition in favor of a modern offense. The Keydets will try to build around 170-pound junior tailback Thomas Haskins, who finished fourth among I-AA rushers last season with 1,509 yards.

The defense returns nine starters. Among the best are sophomore linebacker Kelly Cook (54 tackles), junior lineman Keith Braxton (44 tackles) and sophomore cornerback Torre Costin (three interceptions).

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By MARK WANGRIN

The snow wasn't a problem. Sure it was swirling — they were, after all, playing in Montana in early November — but this game was for a shot at the NCAA Division I-AA national championship.

What didn't bode as well for the McNeese State Cowboys was the wind. It was strong and it was at the back of the Montana kicker, whose field goal with 14 seconds left was enough to overcome a furious rally that saw the Cowboys score three touchdowns in the last eight minutes. They could only watch as Youngstown State beat Montana the next week to advance to the title game.

"To go that far and lose is disappointing," McNeese coach Bobby Keasler said. "We want to go back. We want to go one step farther. We want to go to the game."

Keasler's Cowboys might just get their wish. With 1994 conference champion North Texas moving up to Division I-A, McNeese is the early favorite to capture the Southland Conference title.

1. McNEESE STATE Cowboys

OVERVIEW: Three All-America picks are back, as are the star quarterback, running back, wide receiver, linebacker, kicker and 12 other starters to a team that finished the season ranked fifth in I-AA. A fine foundation, but don't tell Keasler the Cowboys are loaded.

"We'll be very competitive," Keasler said. "As far as being loaded, we still have some young guys."

Quarterback Kerry Joseph, the school's all-time leading passer, returns as do four of his top five receivers, including All-SLC wideout Terence Davis. Running back Henry Fields ran for 1,100 yards last season.

If the Cowboys have a question mark it's on the offensive line, where standouts Roland Lavine and Marsh Buice return. A pair of 290-pound transfers, Brandon Joe (Louisiana Tech) and Adam Clark (Missouri), need to step in. Clark may be behind Joe — he had open-heart surgery a year ago to repair a defective valve.

Linebacker Vincent Landrum and safety Zack Bronson, a pair of All-Americans, head a stout defensive unit that ranked sixth in I-AA last season. Linebacker Chad Reeves, the SLC Newcomer of the Year, and all-league end Kavika Pittman are other standouts for McNeese (10-2 overall, 5-1 Southland in '94).

2. STEPHEN F. AUSTIN Lumberjacks

OVERVIEW: The Lumberjacks (6-3-2, 4-1-1) are one of only nine schools to be ranked in the I-AA Top 25 for all of the last two seasons. They would have made the playoffs last year too had national champion Youngstown State and SLC champ North Texas not tied them with last-second field goals.

Nine offensive starters return, including running back Leonard Harris, the school's third all-time leading rusher, and quarterback James Ritchie. The 'Jacks also will benefit from the return of 1993 starter Michael Pierce, who sat out last season with an illness and will provide a potent wide receiver tandem with senior Chris Jefferson, a first-team All-SLC pick.

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

1. McNEESE STATE
2. STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
3. NORTHWESTERN STATE
4. SAM HOUSTON STATE
5. SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE
6. NICHOLLS STATE

Preseason All-Southland Team

OFFENSE

QB	Kerry Joseph, McNeese State	6-1	206	Sr.
RB	Henry Fields, McNeese State	6-2	205	Sr.
RB	Clarence Matthews, Northwestern St.	5-8	175	Jr.
WR	Terence Davis, McNeese State	5-11	195	Sr.
WR	Chris Jefferson, Stephen F. Austin	6-0	209	Sr.
TE	Russell Peevy, SW Texas State	6-2	260	Jr.
OL	Marsh Buice, McNeese State	6-3	285	Sr.
OL	Kevin Janek, Sam Houston State	6-4	300	Sr.
OL	Roland Lavine, McNeese State	6-3	280	Sr.
OL	Adam Means, SW Texas State	6-2	275	So.
C	Lee Kirk, Stephen F. Austin	6-1	259	Sr.

DEFENSE

DL	Kavika Pittman, McNeese State	6-5	245	Sr.
DL	Nathan Platt, Northwestern State	6-1	254	Sr.
DL	Clint Zander, Stephen F. Austin	6-5	300	Jr.
DL	Greg Bonvillian, McNeese State	6-4	248	Sr.
LB	Vincent Landrum, McNeese State	6-2	235	Sr.
LB	Chad Reeves, McNeese State	6-3	240	Sr.
LB	Darnell Small, Nicholls State	5-10	189	Sr.
DB	Damon Gladney, McNeese State	5-10	170	Sr.
DB	Rod Narcisse, Stephen F. Austin	6-3	220	Jr.
DB	Zack Bronson, McNeese State	6-1	200	Jr.
DB	David Garrett, Sam Houston State	6-2	200	Sr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

K	Adam Diel, Nicholls State	6-3	170	Jr.
P	John Louviere, Northwestern St.	5-9	158	Sr.
RS	Claude Mathis, SW Texas State	5-9	175	So.



PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Vincent Landrum, LB, McNeese State

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Lawrence McPherson, RB, SW Texas State

Defensively, the 'Jacks are led by 6-foot-5, 300-pound junior tackle Clint Zander, a key reason SFA led the conference in run defense in 1994, and junior defensive back Jason Speights. A pair of Division I-A transfers, defensive back Rod Narcisse (Minnesota) and defensive end Kevin Ellison (Colorado), should help immediately.

3. NORTHWESTERN STATE Demons

OVERVIEW: The Demons (5-6, 3-3) are set at quarterback with Brad Laird, who missed the spring while recovering from wrist surgery on his non-throwing arm. He'll have help from running back Clarence Matthews and an expe-

rienced offensive line led by Jayson Hayes, Joel Ferguson and Jody Ferguson. The key will be finding receivers for him.

On defense, Jason Storm, Nathan Platt and Robert Oliver, who started at three of the four line spots last year, return up front. Junior college transfer Kevin Hughes and converted safety Terrell Williamson add speed to a solid group of linebackers.

4. SAM HOUSTON STATE Bearcats

OVERVIEW: Everything seemed to be coming together for the Bearcats (6-5, 1-5), who rose to No. 18 in the national rankings before injuries tore them apart.

Optimism is high that the Bearcats will bounce back, but the first priority is to find a replacement for Charles Harris, SHSU's all-time leading rusher. Wayne Coleman gets the first shot. Quarterback Stacey Arrambibe passed for 1,344 yards last year but only four touchdowns. A receiving corps riddled by personnel losses won't help.

An active defense (15 interceptions, 21 fumbles) was a major plus for SHSU last season, and six starters return to build on that success, including linebackers Billy Holmes and Dedrick Manigo and defensive backs Joey Foster and David Garrett.

5. SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE Bobcats

OVERVIEW: Gone is the main weapon, SLC leading rusher Donald Wilkerson, but the Bobcats (4-7, 1-5) hope a more diversified attack will spring loose in his absence.

It starts with quarterback David Williams, who showed promise as a redshirt freshman last season, throwing 10 touchdowns and 10 interceptions. Handling the running duties will be Claude Mathis, the SLC Freshman of the Year, sophomore Aaron Allen and Houston transfer Lawrence McPherson.

Tackles Adam Means and Chris Sanchez provide the basis for a rebuilding offensive line. Junior tight end Russell Peevy, a second-team All-SLC pick, is a plus.

The job will be tougher on the other side of the line. Only two of the front-seven starters — end Donald Miller and middle linebacker Joe O'Haver — return from a unit that ranked last in the SLC in total defense (368.2 yards a game).

6. NICHOLLS STATE Colonels

OVERVIEW: First-year coach Darren Barbier, who makes the jump after leading nearby Hahville High School to the Louisiana Class 5A state title last fall, has his work cut out for him trying to make the Colonels respectable. Barber will build with quarterback Corey Thomas and former running back Frank Wilson.

Thomas came within 38 yards of gaining 1,000 last fall, but he ranked last among SLC starters in passing efficiency. Wilson gained 473 yards a year ago but was switched to cornerback in the spring. Kicker Adam Diel, who hit 11 of 15 field-goal attempts last year, is a bright spot.

The Colonels (5-6, 1-5) lost three first-team All-SLC defensive picks. Fittingly-named linebacker Darnell Small (5-10, 189) leads a group of four returning starters.

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By O.K. DAVIS

The NFL has inherited the most prolific passer in the history of Division I-AA football and the NCAA's all-time career total offense leader. That's Steve "Air" McNair, of course. What record didn't he own when he left Alcorn State for the pros? From his freshman through senior seasons, McNair was first-team All-SWAC and league Offensive Player of the Year.

Even though McNair is gone, the national media spotlight will stay on the SWAC this fall. Sometime this autumn, long-time Grambling State University head coach Eddie Robinson, who returns for his 53rd season, should become the first man in college football history to win 400 games. The 76-year-old fountain of youth is at 397 and counting.

In addition to chronicling Robinson's quest for Win No. 400, the other SWAC story which will be followed closely is Prairie View's quest to break the nation's longest losing streak — now at 44 games in a row.

1. GRAMBLING STATE Tigers

OVERVIEW: Midway through the season, Robinson should corral that historic 400th victory, and, in the process, the Tigers (9-3 overall, 6-1 SWAC) should clearly establish themselves as the team to beat in the league.

With McNair toiling in the NFL, Kendrick Nord will become the most talked-about quarterback in the conference. The senior was sixth in Div. I-AA in passing efficiency (152.6) and threw for 2,814 yards and 29 touchdowns last season. Nord should have a great year, even if such key receivers as Curtis Ceaser, Tyrone Jones and Larry Dykes are gone. Helping ease the loss of those talented performers is the addition of running back Jay Johnson, a transfer from LSU.

2. SOUTHERN Jaguars

OVERVIEW: What a natural for a 1-2 finish in this year's SWAC chase: Grambling and Southern, who have been among the college game's fiercest rivals for years. The Jaguars were champions two years ago under third-year head coach Pete Richardson and will flirt with the title again.

SWAC Newcomer of the Year Melvin Williams (1,031 yards) returns after being one of only two players in the league last year to rush for at least 1,000 yards. Eric Randall is poised for his best year at quarterback, having ranked fourth in the SWAC with 2,076 yards and 12 touchdowns last season.

"He's quietly efficient, like a cat sneaking through the room," Richardson said of Randall.

Southern (6-5, 5-2) has the best linebacker in the conference in senior Kenya Rounds, a first-team all-league choice in 1994 with 113 tackles.

3. JACKSON STATE Tigers

OVERVIEW: The Tigers' defense could be a work of art this season, particularly if senior free safety Picasso Nelson has another All-SWAC season. His 134 tackles ranked second in the league last year, and he joins sophomore Quincy Jones in a talented secondary.

"In this league, where you have so many great skill people on offense, it's a must to build a strong defense," head coach James Carson said. "We could have one of the best units."

Balance will be the Tigers' game offensively.

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

1. GRAMBLING STATE
2. SOUTHERN
3. JACKSON STATE
4. ALCORN STATE
5. ALABAMA STATE
6. TEXAS SOUTHERN
7. MISSISSIPPI VALLEY ST.
8. PRAIRIE VIEW A&M

Preseason All-SWAC Team

OFFENSE

QB	Kendrick Nord, Grambling St.	6-4	210	So.
RB	Melvin Williams, Southern	5-10	195	So.
RB	Maurice Hampton, Jackson State	5-11	198	So.
WR	Reggie Barlow, Alabama State	6-0	188	So.
WR	Kobie Jenkins, Alcorn State	6-4	206	Jr.
TE	Brent Barrington, Southern	6-6	275	So.
OL	Paul Etheridge, Alabama State	6-5	315	So.
OL	Christopher Johnson, Grambling St.	6-5	300	So.
OL	Elliott Womack, Grambling St.	6-4	320	So.
OL	Darryl Robbison, Miss. Valley St.	6-0	290	So.
C	Uzoma Moore, Grambling St.	6-0	270	So.

DEFENSE

DL	Bryant Mix, Alcorn State	6-4	275	So.
DL	Albert Reese, Grambling St.	6-6	255	So.
DL	Kendell Shello, Southern	6-4	285	So.
DL	Alfred Bryant, Texas Southern	6-5	260	Jr.
LB	Kenya Rounds, Southern	6-0	228	So.
LB	Cedric Thornton, Alabama State	6-2	245	So.
LB	Mark Mosby, Grambling St.	6-1	225	So.
DB	Picasso Nelson, Jackson State	6-1	195	So.
DB	Shelly Barnett, Grambling St.	6-2	180	Jr.
DB	Marcus Colley, Alcorn State	5-10	175	So.
DB	Donte Dowers, Alcorn State	5-11	183	So.

SPECIAL TEAMS

K	David Jakana, Alcorn State	5-9	155	Jr.
P	Tony Phipps, Southern	5-10	176	Jr.
RS	Gore White, Alcorn State	5-10	175	Jr.



PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Kendrick Nord, QB, Grambling State

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Jay Johnson, RB, Grambling State

JSU (7-4, 4-3) was no lower than third in all major offensive statistical categories among SWAC teams in 1994, including No. 2 in rushing. Senior running back Maurice Hampton (457 yards) is the top returning rusher.

4. ALCORN STATE Braves

OVERVIEW: Life without McNair isn't going to be much fun unless the "Air" apparent at quarterback, junior Andre Credit, matures quickly. Not only is McNair gone, but so is brother Tim, who led the SWAC in receiving last season with 1,230 yards and 13 touchdowns.

"Can we check on another year of eligibility for Steve?" quipped head coach Cardell Jones.

You can't blame Jones for wanting to cry in his Gatorade. McNair simply made the Braves (8-3-1, 6-1) go.

The good news, however, is that two outstanding receivers return in junior Kobie Jenkins and senior Donald Ray Ross. They combined for 109 receptions and over 1,700 yards last year, including Jenkins' SWAC runner-up numbers of 70 catches and 1,082 yards.

5. ALABAMA STATE Hornets

OVERVIEW: The Hornets (6-5, 3-4) will buzz on offense with the return of senior Reggie Barlow at wide receiver. Barlow (58 catches, 1,267 yards, 12 touchdowns) was good for nearly 22 yards every time he touched the ball last season.

Barring an injury, you can go ahead and put Barlow on your All-SWAC team this year. And he's got a strong-armed quarterback to hook up with in Savastin Henry, a senior who passed for 790 yards and five touchdowns last year.

Junior Jason Lucas is one of the SWAC's most dangerous return specialists, having averaged 24.4 yards per kickoff return in 1994.

6. TEXAS SOUTHERN Tigers

OVERVIEW: When head coach Bill Thomas doesn't have senior Cedric Douglas on the run, he's got him throwing, and who could blame him?

Douglas is one of the SWAC's most versatile and efficient quarterbacks, having finished in the top five last season in both rushing (701 yards) and passing (948).

Junior Jason Gaines also keeps opponents on their toes. He had the second best kickoff return average (24.8) in the SWAC last season.

Defensive back DeAndre Montgomery also returns for the Tigers (4-7, 2-5) after a super freshman season in which he intercepted five passes.

7. MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE Delta Devils

OVERVIEW: Although 1994 SWAC tackling leader Alonzo Brown is gone, the Delta Devils (4-6, 2-5) return one of the league's best overall defensive units. Junior linebacker Marcus Wade and senior free safety Brunell Dedeaux headline a group that was particularly tough against the run last year, allowing just 112.8 yards per game.

On special teams, senior Xavier Remond was among the league's top kickoff returners at 22.3 yards per return last season.

8. PRAIRIE VIEW A&M Panthers

OVERVIEW: Give Ronald Beard his due. Despite his team holding the nation's longest losing streak, he remains enthusiastically optimistic. Now embarking on his fifth year at the school, he once again believes that "this season, we're going to win a game."

If the Panthers hope to win a game, they'll need better production out of junior quarterback Greg Bell, who completed just over 30 percent of his passes last season.

On defense, the Panthers will sorely miss defensive back Jerrold Crowder, who tied for the conference lead in interceptions with seven. Senior linebacker Otis Myles (85 tackles) will contend for All-SWAC honors.

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By ADRIAN WOJNAROWSKI

There is a distinct uncertainty to the future of the Yankee Conference. Connecticut has declared its intent to move into Division I-AA football before the turn of the century, and Villanova and Massachusetts are quietly investigating the possibility of upgrading, too. It is a decision others in the conference, including William & Mary and James Madison, may eventually have to make.

Nevertheless, the Yankee Conference is thriving now. Three teams made the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs a season ago, and four teams—No. 7 James Madison, No. 10 Boston University, No. 13, New Hampshire and No. 19 William & Mary—made the final Top 25.

This could be the season erstwhile powers Delaware and Villanova, as well as UConn under second-year coach Skip Holtz, make a move for the national polls. Still, top Division I-AA conferences across the nation—namely the Southern and Big Sky—are tired of seeing Yankee Conference teams dominate the regular season polls and then fail to advance deep into the playoffs. It is time for the Yankee to make its move through the postseason.

NEW ENGLAND DIVISION

1. UMASS Minutemen

OVERVIEW: Three years ago, the Massachusetts administration had to strip the football program of its scholarships as a budget-cutting move. It made former coach Jim Reid resign and left an uncertain future for his successor, Mike Hodges.

Yet, the Minutemen were able to survive the loss of a recruiting class, and it is a testament to Hodges that UMass (5-6 overall, 4-4 Yankee Conference in '94) could be the favorite this season to secure the New England Division championship.

Senior Rene Ingoglia (1,505 yards, 14 touchdowns) is one of the top runners in Division I-AA football. Along with tailback Frank Alessio, who rushed for nearly 700 yards, UMass could have one of the country's top tandems.

"Running backs will be the strength of this football team this fall," Hodges said. "Frank is a speedback. Brock [former Syracuse back Ron Brockington] is a little more of a power back, but he can play tailback as well as fullback.

"And Rene Ingoglia is as hard a worker as I've ever been around. He comes to work every day. He had a fantastic offseason in the weight room; he's bigger and stronger and faster than he was last year."

Quarterback Andrew McNeilly passed for 869 yards and two touchdowns. He needs to put up some formidable passing numbers to counter the Minutemen's running game.

UMass is strongest defensively in the secondary. It returns two backs: Breon Parker, a second-team all-conference player, and Jason Tudryn, who made 68 tackles and had three interceptions a year ago. If players emerge on the defensive line, UMass could have its first conference title since 1990.

2. NEW HAMPSHIRE Wildcats

OVERVIEW: New Hampshire (10-2, 8-0) had

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NEW ENGLAND DIVISION	MID-ATLANTIC DIVISION
1. UMASS	1. WILLIAM & MARY
2. NEW HAMPSHIRE	2. JAMES MADISON
3. BOSTON UNIVERSITY	3. DELAWARE
4. UCONN	4. VILLANOVA
5. MAINE	5. NORTHEASTERN
6. RHODE ISLAND	6. RICHMOND

Preseason All-Yankee Team

OFFENSE				
QB	Mike Cawley, James Madison	6-2	200	Sr.
RB	Rene Ingoglia, UMass	5-10	202	Sr.
RB	Troy Keen, William & Mary	5-11	215	Sr.
WR	Bobby Apgar, Rhode Island	5-11	175	Jr.
WR	Brian Finneran, Villanova	6-5	195	So.
TE	Ed Perry, James Madison	6-5	225	Jr.
OL	Shannon Trostle, Delaware	6-3	270	Sr.
OL	Steve Stinson, Maine	6-4	280	Jr.
OL	Josh Beyer, William & Mary	6-5	285	Jr.
OL	Chris Bourdon, New Hampshire	6-5	275	Sr.
OL	David Bailey, James Madison	6-5	285	Sr.
DEFENSE				
DL	Mike Foley, New Hampshire	6-3	274	Sr.
DL	Art Blanchard, Richmond	6-1	249	Jr.
DL	Lou D'Agostino, Rhode Island	6-0	242	Sr.
DL	Chris Curtis, Villanova	6-4	265	Sr.
LB	Tyrone Frazier, Villanova	6-2	225	Sr.
LB	Jude Waddy, William & Mary	6-2	215	So.
LB	Ralph D'Angelo, Delaware	6-1	220	So.
DB	Darren Sharper, William & Mary	6-3	205	Jr.
DB	Breon Parker, UMass	5-10	183	Sr.
DB	Rob McCoy, New Hampshire	6-0	200	Sr.
DB	Mark Hopkins, Northeastern	5-9	170	Sr.
SPECIAL TEAMS				
K	John Coursey, James Madison	6-0	190	Jr.
P	Dave DeArmas, UConn	5-10	187	Sr.
RS	Calvin Jones, New Hampshire	5-9	180	Jr.



PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Rene Ingoglia, Sr., RB, UMass

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR
Kevin Foley, QB, Boston University

one of its most dominant teams a season ago under coach Bill Bowes, a squad with an ability to score points upon points. This season, it won't be so easy.

Much of the offensive burden moves to flanker Calvin Jones, who caught 42 passes for 490 yards a season ago. Tight end Jeff Tamulski is going to make it hard to focus on Jones. He caught 24 passes for 232 yards, including two touchdowns. Quarterback Jim Stayer is gone, though, and with him nearly 2,000 passing yards.

Defense could carry New Hampshire into the postseason again. They allowed the third fewest points in conference games last season and, with seven starters back, including defen-

sive end Mike Foley — a first-team all-league player — and strong safety Rob McCoy, who had 52 tackles and four interceptions, the Wildcats expect to be formidable again.

3. BOSTON UNIVERSITY Terriers

OVERVIEW: Out of nowhere two years ago Boston University (9-3, 6-2) developed one of the most devastating offenses in the nation. The Terriers won 21 games in two seasons and made it to the I-AA playoffs, but now the core of veterans responsible for those successes are gone.

Still, it appears Boston University has developed a strong program. Even with the loss of All-America quarterback Robert Dougherty (3,173 yards passing, 23 TDs), the Terriers could still be a formidable offensive team.

They're depending on Maryland transfer Kevin Foley, younger brother of former Boston College and current New York Jets QB Glenn, to handle the passing. BU has a terrific sophomore fullback in Julien Dale, the 1994 conference Rookie of the Year. He rushed for 911 yards and 13 touchdowns and didn't start until midway through his first season.

Defense is the concern for coach Dan Allen. Gone are nine of 11 starters, and he'll have to depend upon several transfers and underclassmen this season. Junior tackle Ivan Padilla is a cornerstone of the line. The Terriers are anxious to get back corner Lex Thornton, who, despite missing most of three games with a knee injury, was BU's third-leading tackler with 78. A couple of JUCO transfers, defensive back Jason Ross and linebacker Keith Thomas, could be impact players.

4. CONNECTICUT Huskies

OVERVIEW: Once, few paid attention to Connecticut football. Always, it had been a pleasant diversion before the start of basketball season. Little else.

Suddenly, everyone surrounding the Huskies (4-7, 4-4) is watching closely. UConn's administration voted this winter to eventually move into Division I-A, and now the pressure mounts on second-year coach Holtz to develop a winner on the I-AA level before trying to compete in the Big East Conference.

This could be the season for a turnaround, if the defensive line matures. UConn has eight players on each side of the ball returning and a recruiting class with a chance to impact the program. Junior quarterback Zeke Rodgers has offered flashes of terrific play. He completed 53 percent of his passes for 938 yards as a part-time starter a season ago, but was prone to the costly interception. Fullback Wilbur Gilliard, who could get competition out of true freshman Mike Jones, has the potential to be an all-conference runner.

Cornerback Lamont Parker, who had 69 tackles, is the top returnee on a defense that could turn out to be one of the league's best.

5. MAINE Black Bears

OVERVIEW: Slowly, coach Jack Cosgrove has made progress toward turning Maine football into a winner again. The undertaking has been immense for the third-year coach and, perhaps, this could be the season the Black Bears make

a bid for respectability.

Maine (3-8, 2-6) offered evidence a season ago it could be developing one of the league's top defenses. The Black Bears finished in the middle of the league defensively, but eight starters are back, including linebacker Ross Fichthorn, who made 95 tackles and three sacks. Behind him, Maine will depend upon free safety Derek Carter to control the secondary. He had 58 tackles and four interceptions a season ago.

Scoring points could be trouble again for Maine. They lost quarterback Emilio Colon, and his departure contributes to the burden of running back Bob Jameson. Maine will need him to be a consistent runner again, and perhaps even improve on his 4.6 yards per carry of a season ago. Tight end Brian Gaine caught 25 passes for 209 yards and a touchdown.

6. RHODE ISLAND Rams

OVERVIEW: There is nothing simple about rebuilding the Rhode Island program. When he was hired two years ago, coach Floyd Keith found little talent, little tradition and little interest. The task before him is immense.

Fifty-four of URI's 74 players are underclassmen, and only six seniors are on this season's roster. The program could soon be a conference contender, but not this year.

Keith has made progress, though, even for a team that won just two games a year ago. The Rams (2-9, 2-6) had the nation's 12th best passing game, and it could improve again this season. Prolific quarterback Chris Hixson (177-for-295, 2,123 yards, 15 TDs) has two all-conference wideouts—junior Bobby Apgar (67 catches, 1,042 yards, 12 TDs) and Cy Butler (73 catches, 823 yards, four TDs) — to catch his passes. Stopping the Rams through the air could be one of the most burdensome challenges in the league.

Nevertheless, Rhode Island must be able to contain opponents, something it couldn't do last season. Nine starters are back on defense, including all-conference senior defensive end Lou D'Agostino, who had six sacks. Sophomore linebacker Lajohn Jones led the Rams with 118 tackles and five sacks a season ago.

MID-ATLANTIC DIVISION

1. WILLIAM & MARY Tribe

OVERVIEW: With 19 returning starters, William & Mary (8-3, 6-2) may have its best chance to impact the I-AA playoffs. This could be one of the best teams ever out of Williamsburg, Va. Virtually everyone — save for quarterback Shawn Knight and big-play receiver Michael Tomlin — returns to make William & Mary perhaps the most powerful team in the conference.

Moving the ball on the Tribe isn't going to be easy, let alone scoring on them. They were the conference's third best overall defense a year ago and its best against the pass. This season, 10 starters return there, including all-conference junior defensive back Darren Sharper, who had seven interceptions, and linebackers Jude Waddy (108 tackles) and Stefon Moody (110).

The Tribe has talented backs to ease the new quarterback into the lineup. Senior fullback Troy Keen rushed for 1,175 yards and 12 touchdowns, averaging 5.3 yards per carry, and senior tailback Derek Fitzgerald averaged 5.4

yards per carry to go with four touchdowns. Senior Terry Hammons had 40 catches for 617 yards and two touchdowns. Should senior Matt Byrne or junior Yonce Shelton emerge as quarterback, this could be a Top 10 team.

2. JAMES MADISON Dukes

OVERVIEW: A magnificent era of football ended for James Madison with the departure of coach Rip Scherer to the University of Memphis. Still, new coach Alex Wood finds a wonderfully talented and deep team as he embarks on his first season, a squad with the components to be a Top 25 team.

Senior quarterback Mike Cawley, a third-team all-conference player, could emerge as one of the top quarterbacks in the East. He completed 152 of 263 passes for 2,035 yards and 11 touchdowns. He has the conference's best tight end, Ed Perry, who caught 39 passes for an average of 13.7 yards per catch a season ago. The offensive line is strong with all-league players Brent Secrist and David Bailey.

The Dukes (10-2, 6-2) should have one of the top pass rushes in the conference. Linemen Marcus Cuttino and Julius Williams are the cornerstones of a powerful collection of talent. Linebacker Alonzo Bowler had 63 tackles and one interception, while cornerback Kelly Wiltshire had 64 and one interception.

3. DELAWARE Blue Hens

OVERVIEW: Again, Delaware is going to rely on running the football to contend for a Mid-Atlantic Division championship. Within the conference, no one came close to the matching the Blue Hens' proficiency on the ground. They rushed for more than 315 yards per game.

Gone is first-team all-conference running back Daryl Brown, but the Delaware backfield is still bursting with ability. Halfbacks Norman Coleman (8.7 ypc, seven TDs) and Pat Williams (6.3 ypc, and four TDs) have offered evidence they are capable of compensating for Brown's departure. Often, they'll be running behind senior tackle Shannon Trostle.

Senior quarterback Keith Langan is savvy and well-versed with running the Delaware offense. He completed 50 percent of his passes for 834 yards and nine TDs a season ago. Split end Courtney Batts has the penchant for the big play. He caught 27 passes for 691 yards and eight TDs — good for more than 25 yards per catch.

The defense has to get better for Delaware (7-3-1, 5-3) to compete with the conference's best. Still, the Blue Hens have seven starters back, including sophomore linebacker Ralph D'Angelo, who had 126 tackles and two interceptions, and defensive back Kenny Bailey, who had 91 tackles and one interception.

4. VILLANOVA Wildcats

OVERVIEW: A succession of successful seasons was interrupted for Villanova a year ago, and now the burden upon coach Andy Talley is to move the program back into the elite of the Yankee Conference.

The Wildcats (5-6, 2-6) should again have one of the season's top passing games. They were third throwing the ball a season ago and the core of the responsible players are back. All-Conference wide receiver Brian Finneran, a sophomore, is one of the best young pass catchers in the country. He caught 56 passes for 805 yards and seven touchdowns last year,

and his potential appears endless. Quarterback Tom Marchese completed 56 percent of his passes for 1,583 yards and nine touchdowns. And tailback Anthony Cowsette knows how to find the end zone: He scored 12 times on 130 rushes.

Defense is a concern for Villanova. 'Nova lost three key players off an ordinary unit. Senior Tyrone Frazier could be the conference's best linebacker. He had 150 tackles — 88 solo — and four sacks last year. Another linebacker, A.J. Burawski, had 100 tackles, two sacks and two interceptions. The questions appear to be on the line for the Wildcats.

5. NORTHEASTERN Huskies

OVERVIEW: Slowly, coach Barry Gallup has offered evidence he can make Northeastern a winner. He has a solid background as a Boston College assistant, has recruited reasonably well, and his teams have showed the discipline in his first few seasons to believe success isn't too far away.

The Huskies (2-9, 2-6) lost nine of 11 games with a precocious team, and now they return 18 of 22 starters to try again. Nearly the entire offense—save for fullback Kevin Williams—returns for Northeastern. Quarterback Jim Murphy, who passed for 934 yards and four touchdowns as a part-time starter, has a couple of talented receivers to throw to. Tom Monios, who averaged 16.9 yards per catch, and Chris Brady, are expected to be a productive tandem. Running back Brian Vaughan rushed for 888 yards and two touchdowns a season ago.

The Huskies defense improved as the season wore on last year. Every week, they seemed a little tougher, a little more apt to stop the talented offenses that dot the Yankee Conference. In a league full of terrific passing teams, senior defensive back Mark Hopkins is a valuable player for the Huskies. He had seven interceptions last year, including 136 returns yards and a touchdown. Northeastern will again rely on its secondary.

6. RICHMOND Spiders

OVERVIEW: Once again, coach Jim Reid embarks as coach of a Yankee Conference program. He left UMass a few years ago after a dispute with administrators over scholarship reductions, moved on to Richmond and Boston College as an assistant, and now he helms the Spiders' program himself.

Reid does not inherit a lot of talent with this team. There are holes on these Spiders (3-8, 1-7) and success in his first season could be difficult. This team struggled to move the ball last year and may have trouble doing so again in '95.

The ball is going to fullback T.J. McNally (372 yards), and this season his mandate will be generating a ground game for Richmond. Quarterback Joe Elrod returns for the Spiders after completing 51 percent of his passes for 1,245 yards. Tight end Brian Holtorf had 28 catches for an average of 25.2 yards per catch a year ago.

Literally, the Spiders are starting over again on defense. They lose eight of 11 starters and will be young and inexperienced at virtually every position. Junior defensive end Art Blanchard is the most productive of the returnees. He is a relentless pass rusher who had eight sacks and 94 tackles in '94.

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I-AA INDEPENDENTS

By JOE SANTOLUQUITO

There's a reason why Miami, yes *that* Miami, came calling on Jim Tressel, Youngstown State's ultra-successful coach for the last nine years, after Dennis Erickson left to coach the Seattle Seahawks in the NFL.

Actually, the reason is simple: Tressel's proven track record. The Penguins, guided by Tressel, have been the most successful team in Division I-AA football. In the 1990's, Youngstown State is a gaudy 61-9-2 overall, including a 15-1 record in the postseason and three national championships.

With quarterback Mark Brungard and all-everything linebacker Leon Jones back, there's no reason why Youngstown State won't make a serious run at its third straight national title and fourth in five years.

Threats from among the I-AA Independents' ranks could come from Liberty, a team that returns 17 starters, or from Central Florida, which features former Florida State tailback Marquette Smith, one the leading rushers in I-AA last year.

1. YOUNGSTOWN STATE (Pa.) Penguins

OVERVIEW: The Penguins (14-0-1 in '94) have already won three Division I-AA championships in the 1990s, including last season's title win over Boise State, and there's no reason to think they won't be contending for a fourth. Senior quarterback Mark Brungard has a knack for winning; He has guided the Penguins to their last two titles and set a school mark for passing yards in a season with 2,453 yards last year.

Defensively, the Penguins will be led by middle linebacker Leon Jones, the only linebacker in I-AA nominated for the Butkus Award. Jones crushed opposing offenses last season, leading the team with 170 tackles (100 solo). Jones will get help from defensive tackle Jermaine Hopkins, who set a single-season school mark with 15 sacks last year.

2. LIBERTY (Va.) Flames

OVERVIEW: Quarterback Antwan Chiles, a one-time transfer from Florida, returns for a third year after completing 54 percent of his passes and throwing for 2,823 yards and 19 TDs last year. Chiles should have time to throw, with only one starter lost on the offensive line for the Flames (5-6).

After rushing for 1,249 yards as a freshman, Lawrence Worthington returns in the backfield along with J.T. Morris, who suffered a serious hip injury in the second game last year. "J.T. Morris is an answer to a prayer," said coach Sam Rutigliano. "Clearly there were some deep concerns, not only if he was going to play last season, but also if he could ever play again."

With nine starters back on defense, the Flames' biggest gain could be off the field with the addition of new defensive coordinator, George MacIntyre, a former head coach at Vanderbilt. Linebacker David Long, the team's leading tackler last year, also returns.

3. CENTRAL FLORIDA Knights

OVERVIEW: Graduation stung the Knights (7-4). David Rhodes was the school's all-time leading receiver; Darin Hinshaw, the all-time lead-

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

1. YOUNGSTOWN STATE (Pa.)
2. LIBERTY (Va.)
3. CENTRAL FLORIDA
4. TROY STATE (Ala.)
5. HOFSTRA (N.Y.)
6. TOWSON STATE (Md.)
7. ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM
8. ROBERT MORRIS (Pa.)
9. ST. MARY'S (Calif.)
10. MONMOUTH (N.J.)
11. WESTERN KENTUCKY
12. SAMFORD (Ala.)
13. WAGNER (N.Y.)
14. CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE
15. BUFFALO (N.Y.)
16. ST. FRANCIS (Pa.)
17. DAVIDSON (N.C.)
18. CHARLESTON-SOUTHERN (S.C.)

Preseason Div. I-AA All-Independents Team

OFFENSE			
QB	Mark Brungard, Youngstown St.	6-1	205 Sr.
RB	Marquette Smith, Central Florida	5-7	195 Sr.
RB	Antwan Floyd, Western Kentucky	5-10	211 Jr.
WR	Cedrick Buchannon, Ala.-Birm.	5-8	170 Sr.
WR	Nick Johnson, Hofstra	5-7	170 Sr.
TE	Tony Dews, Liberty	6-1	235 Sr.
OL	Bob Hall, Troy State	6-2	280 Sr.
OL	Keith Williams, Troy State	6-4	280 Sr.
OL	Jason Smart, Liberty	6-3	273 Sr.
OL	Dave Fiore, Hofstra	6-4	270 Sr.
OL	David Snyder, Towson State	6-0	250 Sr.
DEFENSE			
DL	Domingo Ruiz, St. Mary's	5-11	278 Sr.
DL	Bo Bartholomew, Davidson	5-11	205 Sr.
DL	Jermaine Hopkins, Youngstown St.	6-0	230 Sr.
DL	Jackie Stoudemire, Troy State	6-3	275 Sr.
LB	David Long, Liberty	6-0	248 Sr.
LB	Leon Jones, Youngstown State	6-0	222 Sr.
LB	Gene McAleer, Hofstra	6-0	210 Jr.
DB	David Lewis, Monmouth	5-11	200 Jr.
DB	Dante Payne, Robert Morris	5-10	172 So.
DB	Drew Lofstad, Ala.-Birm.	6-1	210 Sr.
DB	Brian Clark, Hofstra	6-3	205 Sr.
SPECIAL TEAMS			
K	Charlie Pierce, Cent. Florida	6-1	170 Jr.
P	Scott Holmes, Samford	6-3	203 Sr.
AP	Todd Cleveland, Central Florida	5-9	170 So.



PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Leon Jones, LB, Youngstown State

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Daunte Culpepper, QB, Central Florida

ing passer; and Greg Jefferson, the team's sack leader last season.

This is the last year for the Knights at I-AA before moving to I-A in 1996. Speed will dictate how they do, with tailback Marquette Smith,

who rushed for 1,058 yards and five TDs last season, back along with possibly one of I-AA's most exciting players, sophomore kick returner/receiver Todd Cleveland, who returned three kickoffs for touchdowns (one for 100 yds). With junior placekicker Charlie Pierce, the Knights may be able to score from anywhere. Pierce hit 14 of 16 field-goal attempts last season, his longest went for 48 yards.

The Knights also signed quarterback Daunte Culpepper, "Mr. Football" in the state of Florida. If eligible, the 6-4 quarterback from Vanguard High (Ocala, Fla.) could step right in for the departed Hinshaw.

4. TROY STATE (Ala.) Trojans

OVERVIEW: The Trojans (8-4), which reached the I-AA playoffs last year for the second straight season, feature a pair of bookend senior offensive tackles in Bob Hall and Keith Williams. With those two and fullback Derrick Washington, who rushed for 666 yards (nine yds. per carry) last year, the running game should be strong. Quarterback Jeremy Rowell, who threw eight Interceptions and nine touchdowns last year, has a thin receiving corps.

Defensive backs Richard Young, Demetric Shipman and Ryan Graham combined for seven interceptions last year. Defensive lineman Jackie Stoudemire anchors the defensive front. Pratt Lyons, a transfer from Utah State, could add depth to the defensive line.

"We have a chance to beat anybody in the nation," said coach Larry Blakeney, "but we have to get everybody pulling in the same direction."

5. HOFSTRA (N.Y.) Flying Dutchmen

OVERVIEW: The Flying Dutchmen (8-1-1) had a defense that was No. 2 in I-AA last year against the run and 17th in scoring defense. The loss of linebacker Joey Driver, the team's leading tackler and sack leader, hurts, but Hofstra does return All-America strong safety Brian Clark and linebacker Gene McAleer.

Offensively, Hofstra returns an experienced line, led by tackle Dave Fiore and center Owen Gardner. But the run-and-shoot offense could need refueling without quarterback Carlos Garay, who passed for 1,855 yards and 21 touchdowns, with just four interceptions last season. Senior Kharon Brown will take over for Garay at quarterback this season.

6. TOWSON (Md.) STATE Tigers

OVERVIEW: The Tigers were 8-2 for the second straight year without a postseason playoff berth. This year could be different. Towson is moving football to a non-scholarship sport and entering the ECAC's Inter-Collegiate League this season. "It's a nice fit for us for right now," Combs said. "Our program has changed. We're still trying to find a place for our football program."

Only two starters return on the offense: tackle Rob Bundy and center Steve Snyder. Towson will need redshirt freshman quarterback Ryan Waltz to mature quickly. Defensively, the Tigers seem on more stable ground, with defensive tackle Paul Brock and defensive end Tim Moran back.

7. ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM Blazers

OVERVIEW: The offense will be the first thing head coach Watson Brown will have to

address. The Blazers (7-4) lost three starters on the offensive line and a capable quarterback in John Whitcomb, who threw for 3,031 yards last year. The backfield will be inexperienced, led by sophomore Thomas Banks, who carried the ball five times last year for minus-10 yards. The quarterback position will come down to a trio of sophomores: Kevin Drake, Alvin Stokes or Alex Noda.

Eight starters are back on defense. Linebacker Rusty Coulter and strong safety Drew Lofstad are two of the team's top tacklers over the last three years. Defensive back Izell Reese led the team in interceptions as a freshman with four last year.

8. ROBERT MORRIS (Pa.) Colonials

OVERVIEW: Robert Morris fielded its first football team in its 74-year history last season to surprising results. Not a lot was expected, but a young team, led by fullback Tim Hall and quarterback Jake Newman, carried the Colonials to an impressive 7-1-1 record. If there is a weakness, it's up front, where the offensive line yielded 40 sacks last year.

Defensively, the Colonials made an impressive showing, led by a ball-hawking group that forced 34 turnovers and a run defense that allowed just 3.9 yards per carry last year. Ten starters return on defense, including linebackers Nate List and Fred Manalac, free safety Brian Dunn and cornerback Dante Payne.

9. ST. MARY'S (Calif.) Gaels

OVERVIEW: St. Mary's (7-3) enters the year with eight consecutive winning seasons, but that streak may be in jeopardy. The talented Gaels will play their toughest schedule of the stretch, with six I-AA teams, including games against Weber State and Columbia.

The team's offense will be a strength. The Gaels, who have always been a high-scoring team (24.9 ppg, 356.1 yds per game in total offense last year) yearly, return nine starters, including five of the six top receivers. Sophomore quarterback Sean Laird is back. In seven games last season, he completed 83 of 146 passes for 1,043 yards. Also back is leading rusher Ed Williams, who proved himself as a freshman, gaining 661 yards.

The Gaels' defense, which was ranked fifth nationally against the run last year, may be a concern. The departure of linebacker Peter Baichtal, who led the team in tackles (129) last season, leaves a hole at linebacker. Nose tackle Domingo Ruiz strengthens the middle after leading the team with 11 sacks last season.

10. MONMOUTH (N.J.) Hawks

OVERVIEW: Head coach Kevin Callahan has this third-year program headed in the right direction. All 22 starters are back on a team that went 7-2 last year after going 2-5 in its inaugural season.

"This is the season that hopefully we will come of age as a football team," Callahan said.

Sophomore quarterback Dan Sabella started five games as a freshman last year, posting a 52 percent completion rate for 1,015 yards and nine touchdowns. Sabella gets back leading receiver Marcus Winters, who led the team with 39 receptions last year.

The defense, however, will be the strong suit of this team. The Hawks were ranked fourth nationally in scoring defense, eighth in total defense and ninth in rushing defense, and return their top defensive player, junior defen-

sive back David Lewis, who led the team in tackles with 62. The Hawks, who gave up just 7.8 points per game over their last six games, also return Tim Canavan (11 sacks) and middle linebacker Anthony Berke.

"We're still a young team," Callahan said, "but fortunately we have a good deal of experienced players back."

11. WESTERN KENTUCKY Hilltoppers

OVERVIEW: Tailback Antwan Floyd last year was 12th in I-AA in rushing as a sophomore, gaining 1,327 yards and averaging 120.6 yards a game. The problem this season could be finding enough blockers for Floyd. Center Brian Bixler is the only starter back on an inexperienced offensive line in front of senior quarterback Daryl Houston.

It may be a tough task to keep defenses off of Floyd. When J.J. Jewell was lost to a knee injury in the eighth game of last season, the Hilltoppers (5-0) went 0-4 with Houston as a starter. Defensive end Sean Longstretch could cause problems for opposing offenses. An aggressive pass-rusher, Longstretch was tied for the team lead in sacks with seven last season.

12. SAMFORD (Ala.) Bulldogs

OVERVIEW: The Bulldogs (4-6-1) started last season 2-5 but surprised some people, tying Alcorn State (45-45), beating Central Florida (36-35) and losing to Troy State in the final 15 seconds (30-26). This could be the season the Bulldogs win some big games.

Quarterback Bart Yancey returns after a solid sophomore year in which he completed 58 percent of his passes for 1,633 yards and 10 TDs. The offensive line will be a strength, led by center Lance Mattes, guard Robert Dean and tackle Adrian Harris. Punter Scott Holmes, who led I-AA in punting last year with a 42.8-yard average, adds another strength at special teams. But the Bulldogs have to find someone to fill the void left by tailback Anthony Jordan, who was second in I-AA in all-purpose yards, averaging 205 per game.

13. WAGNER (N.Y.) Seahawks

OVERVIEW: Senior running back Kito Lockwood, who led the Seahawks (6-5) in rushing with 1,184 yards, returns with receiver Sean Hurley, who was second on the team in catches (35) last season.

The loss of quarterback Jason Cue, the team's leader in total offense last season, will hurt, but coach Walt Hameline may have a replacement in Jason Milletic, a transfer from Cincinnati. The defensive line could be a weakness and will need retooling with the loss of William Snell and Anthony Harper. But the linebackers look solid, led by Raycine Ward, the team's leading tackler last year with 95.

14. CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE Blue Devils

OVERVIEW: Senior quarterback Sam Tirone will have to cut down on the interceptions this season. Last year, Tirone threw 18, against 10 touchdowns, and he won't have standouts Heston Sutman and Brian West, the team's leading receivers last year. Tirone will, however, have solid protection up front from tackle Sheron James and guard Michael Graham.

The Blue Devils (4-6) will be small on the defensive front, but surprisingly quick, sparked

by a pair of defensive tackles, David Jack and Eric Robinson. The team's leading tacklers are back in safety Angel Rosado and steady linebacker Ed Zaskey.

15. BUFFALO (N.Y.) Bulls

OVERVIEW: Craig Cirbus, a former assistant at Penn State, takes over for Jim Ward. A 1980 graduate of Buffalo, Cirbus was the offensive line coach at Penn State the last two years. Cirbus is hoping to have the remedy for an ailing offensive line that was piecemeal at best last year, letting former quarterback Cliff Scott get sacked 39 times.

Cirbus does have the entire offensive line back, plus a pair of able running backs in sophomores Anthony Swan and Tyler McDonnell. The defense still needs improving. The Bulls (3-8) were outscored 124-10 in their last three games, but appear strong at linebacker, with Pete Conley, Craig Guest and Vince Canosa. Conley led the team with 108 tackles last year.

16. ST. FRANCIS (Pa.) Red Flash

OVERVIEW: St. Francis will need to shore up its defensive front. The Red Flash (2-7-1) gave up 2,244 yards rushing last season. Dwayne Eck, a record-setting tackler at linebacker, will be missed, but defensive backs Matt Weaver and Jimbo Cowan will provide strong help in the secondary.

Matt Marciak and Todd McMahon anchor the offensive line, a team strength, but inexperience in the backfield could pose a problem. Sophomore fullback Shawn Ross returns after rushing for 228 yards his freshman year. Receiver Elliot Miller, who caught just seven passes last year, will be the Red Flash's top returning receiver.

17. DAVIDSON (N.C.) Wildcats

OVERVIEW: The offensive line should be stronger, led by guard John Cowan, a three-year starter for the Wildcats (3-7). Quarterback Hamilton Hill got eight games under his belt as a freshman last year, throwing for 605 yards. Leading receiver Kirk Roberts is back, after catching a team-high 35 passes for 401 yards last season.

The defensive front seems especially strong, led by defensive end Bo Bartholomew, a three-year starter who has 143 career tackles and 11 sacks, and defensive lineman James Cassidy, who was third on the team in tackles last year with 70.

A team that had holes in kicking last year lost placekicker Sean Callahan and punter Bruce Bannister. Junior Dunn Mileham, the kickoff man last year, may fill the void at placekicker.

18. CHARLESTON SOUTHERN Buccaneers

OVERVIEW: There were significant holes almost everywhere for the Buccaneers (0-11) last year. This year will no different. Aside from guard Tom McManus, tackle Clay Moose and center Bruce Smith giving the Buccaneers stability on the offensive line, there are question marks at the skill positions, where running back Chris Oliver returns after rushing for 268 yards last year.

If there is a strong suit for the Bucs, it might come from the defense. Linebackers Mike Lazaro and Williams Washington were among the team's leading tacklers last season. But the defensive line needs to find three new starters.

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By MIKE GOENS

When North Alabama head coach Bobby Wallace evaluates his team's chances of becoming the first Division II football program to win three straight national titles, he tries to look at the squad as if he was seeing it through the eyes of an opposing coach.

And the credentials are obvious:

- North Alabama returns 19 starters, including six who were named to at least one All-America team last year. The roster also includes "seven or eight players who have a legitimate chance to play on the next level," according to Wallace, who, as an Auburn University assistant coach, recruited two-sport athlete Bo Jackson.

- The Lions are 27-1 overall and undefeated against Division II teams over the last two seasons.

- North Alabama has won 17 straight games at its home stadium in Florence, which also happens to be the site of the national championship game.

Despite those facts, Wallace knows that in an era of 36 scholarships and perhaps the most competitive Division II scene ever, there are no givens. One injury, one academic casualty or one player problem can destroy a team on the brink of stardom.

"If I were on the outside looking in at this team, I'd probably expect this team to go back to the playoffs," Wallace said. "But with everything being pretty even because of the scholarship restrictions, I'd certainly feel like UNA is beatable."

1. NORTH ALABAMA Lions

OVERVIEW: Opposing coaches have been unable to find a weak link in the Lions' armor the last two seasons. With 19 starters back, including 10 on a defense that was the nation's best last year, no team returns more experience and talent than North Alabama (13-1 last season). Linebacker Ronald McKinnon is a leading contender for the Harlon Hill Trophy, which goes annually to the most outstanding player in Division II. However, he may not even be considered the best player on his team by many who watch the Lions. Linebacker Keith Humphrey, defensive linemen Marcus Keyes and Israel Raybon, cornerback Gerald Smith, offensive tackle Jon Thompson, tight end Jarius Hayes and quarterback Cody Gross are all hard to overlook.

The only question mark, according to Wallace, is how well his team handles the pressure of trying to do something that has never been done before.

"There were times last year when every player thought they had to be perfect on every play," he said. "And, by the time we got halfway through the playoffs, we were an emotionally exhausted football team. You just can't play football with that kind of pressure, but we know that pressure is going to be there again. What we want to do is play as well as we can every game. We'll accept whatever comes our way if we can just do that."

2. INDIANA (Pa.) Indians

OVERVIEW: Indiana (10-3) has played in the national title game twice in the last five years and could be a solid contender to return this

PRESEASON TOP 25

1. NORTH ALABAMA	14. EDINBORO (PA.)
2. INDIANA (PA.)	15. NORTH DAKOTA
3. TEXAS A&M-KINGSVILLE	16. WESTERN STATE (COLO.)
4. PORTLAND STATE	17. EASTERN NEW MEXICO
5. PITTSBURG STATE (KAN.)	18. NEW HAVEN (CONN.)
6. NORTH DAKOTA STATE	19. VIRGINIA STATE
7. FERRIS STATE (MICH.)	20. WEST GEORGIA
8. NORTHEAST MISSOURI STATE	21. BLOOMSBURG (PA.)
9. ALBANY STATE (GA.)	22. HILLSDALE (MICH.)
10. CARSON-NEWMAN (TENN.)	23. MANKATO STATE (MINN.)
11. NORFOLK STATE (VA.)	24. ANGLO STATE (TEXAS)
12. CENTRAL ARKANSAS	25. SAGINAW VALLEY (MICH.)
13. GRAND VALLEY STATE (MICH.)	

Preseason Division II All-America Team

OFFENSE			
QB	Aaron Sparrow, Norfolk St.	6-2	212 Sr.
RB	Dennis Robinson, Indiana (Pa.)	5-10	185 Sr.
RB	Richard Huntley, Winston-Salem	6-2	219 Sr.
WR	James Roe, Norfolk St.	6-2	190 Sr.
WR	Dan McCarty, N. Michigan	6-3	225 Jr.
TE	Clarence Benford, Albany St.	6-4	260 Sr.
OL	Jon Thompson, N. Alabama	6-1	255 Sr.
OL	Phil Schepens, Pittsburg St.	6-1	295 Sr.
OL	Chris Villarrial, Indiana (Pa.)	6-4	290 Sr.
OL	Kevin Dogins, Texas A&M (King.)	6-2	280 Sr.
OL	Brian Hurley, West Texas A&M	6-4	275 Sr.

DEFENSE			
DL	Marcus Keyes, N. Alabama	6-3	292 Sr.
DL	Pat Schuster, Edinboro	6-2	230 Sr.
DL	Jeff Turnage, Indiana (Pa.)	6-2	250 Sr.
DL	Mark Callahan, N. Dakota	6-2	290 Jr.
LB	Ronald McKinnon, N. Alabama	6-1	230 Sr.
LB	Greg Stokes, Angelo St.	6-2	233 Sr.
LB	Mike Brooks, Ferris St.	5-11	200 Sr.
LB	Keith Humphrey, N. Alabama	6-1	220 Sr.
DB	Erik Ries, Portland St.	6-1	205 Sr.
DB	Jeremiah Kennedy, Ashland	5-10	195 Jr.
DB	Scott Elwer, Hillsdale	6-0	205 Sr.
DB	Conrad Hamilton, E. New Mexico	5-9	190 Sr.

SPECIAL TEAMS			
K	Matt Seagreaves, E. Stroudsburg	6-11	175 Jr.
P	K. Thornewell, Texas A&M (King.)	6-0	200 So.
RS	Kevin Cannon, Millersville	5-8	175 Jr.



PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Ronald McKinnon, LB, North Alabama

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Ron Wagner, OL, Texas A&M-Kingsville

year with 17 starters back. The Indians won nine straight during one stretch last season on the way to their fifth straight Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference crown.

Three offensive linemen must be replaced, but senior guard Chris Villarrial will provide stability up front, and tailback Dennis Robinson, who rushed for nearly 1,200 yards last year, doesn't need a lot of room. The Indians also have one of the top kicking tandems in punter John McGhee and placekicker Jon Ruff. Lineman Jeff Turnage and linebacker Omar Stewart are key members of the defense.

3. TEXAS A&M-KINGSVILLE Javelinas

OVERVIEW: The Javelinas were one drive short of winning their first Division II crown last year, falling to North Alabama 16-10 in the championship game. Several key players have completed their eligibility, but coach Ron Harms is not without talent. The Javelinas, 12-2 a year ago, have two of the nation's better offensive linemen back in Kevin Dogins and Jaime Martinez. They should allow running back Wesley Whiten (85.5 ypg.) to settle in as the top offensive weapon along with receiver Karl Williams (32 catches, 522 yards). Defensively, linebacker Chris Hensley averaged more than eight tackles a game.

4. PORTLAND STATE (Ore.) Vikings

OVERVIEW: The Vikings will once again be a top Division II team, but don't let the record overwhelm you. Playing as an independent has forced the Vikings to schedule four Division I-AA teams, along with several top guns in Division II. Only one opponent had a losing mark a year ago, and the Vikes still managed to finish 9-3.

Portland State has been to the playoffs seven of the last eight years, making two championship appearances during the stretch. Thirteen starters are back, including quarterback Kyle Allen, who fits into the mold of traditional Viking quarterbacks. He passed for more than 3,000 yards last season while completing 60 percent of his passes. Georgia Tech transfer quarterback Tommy Luginbill will likely red-shirt and replace Allen in '96 when the Vikings join the I-A Big Sky Conference. The strengths of the squad will be the return of four offensive linemen and four starting linebackers.

5. PITTSBURG STATE (Kan.) Gorillas

OVERVIEW: Pittsburg State saw its national title hopes washed away last year on a muddy field against North Dakota State in the opening round of the playoffs. With several key members back, along with key junior college recruits coming in, Pittsburg State's coaching staff has high expectations again. Linebacker Chris Brown and offensive tackle Phil Schepens have All-America potential.

6. NORTH DAKOTA STATE Bison

OVERVIEW: Appropriately, the Bison will be one of the major obstacles standing in North Alabama's way. After all, it was North Dakota State that won five titles between 1983 and 1990. The Bison were 8-3 last season and return some excellent players, including Brad Servais, one of the nation's best centers. North Dakota State, as usual, will again be an aggressive, hard-hitting club.

7. FERRIS STATE (Mich.) Bulldogs

OVERVIEW: Ferris State (11-1) has bought into the philosophy of coach Keith Otterbein — "Every player on every play." It's the approach that made the Bulldogs unbeatable in the regular season last year in the competitive Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference. The 'Dogs have won 29 straight during the regular season, which computes into three straight league titles. Ferris State returns the two most crucial players in quarterback Bill Love (153 of 268, 2,332 yards, 14 TDs) and linebacker Mike Brooks, who had a school-record 104 solo tackles last year.

8. NORTHEAST MISSOURI STATE Bulldogs

OVERVIEW: The 'Dogs will no longer catch opponents by surprise this year. An 8-3 record last year was good enough for a playoff spot in what was considered a rebuilding year of sorts. With 10 of the 15 returning starters on offense, opponents better be ready to score some points. Junior running back Jarrett Anderson is back following a 1,428-yard, 14-touchdown effort last year. Tight end Matt Copeland had 41 catches for 510 yards.

9. ALBANY STATE (Ga.) Rams

OVERVIEW: Albany State will find out in a hurry whether it belongs in the elite group of Division II, as the Rams have an opening date scheduled against North Alabama. They were 10-2 last season and extended their winning streak in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference to 22 games. Fourteen starters are back, including five first-team all-conference selections. On offense, eight starters return, with the attack expected to be centered around quarterback Sulton Cooper (24-3 as a starter), running back Antonio Leroy (213 carries, 1,290 yards) and tight end Clarence Benford (38 catches, 461 yards, nine TDs).

10. CARSON-NEWMAN (Tenn.) Eagles

OVERVIEW: Eagles coaches and players say they are tired of not getting respect among the elite of Division II. That may change after the Eagles (8-3) went to North Alabama in the opening round of the playoffs last year and fought gallantly before falling, 17-13. Carson-Newman has 49 letterman back, including six starters on both units. A pair of two-year starters also return. The Eagles' strength will be the return of all of their skilled players, including quarterback Vincent "Pop" Williams. The defense will be centered around the talents of defensive back Rodney Best and linebacker Anthony Davis.

11. NORFOLK STATE (Va.) Spartans

OVERVIEW: The Spartans (7-3) will be armed and dangerous this year with quarterback Aaron Sparrow and a trio of superb receivers — James Roe (77 catches, 1,454 yards, 17 TDs), Darius Blount (57 catches) and Marty Conner (40 catches) — back to highlight a high-powered passing attack. The offense scored 61 touchdowns last year and has nine starters back, but a running game must be found to complement the passing game. On defense, 10 starters return, including ring-leader Andre Nixon.

12. CENTRAL ARKANSAS Bears

OVERVIEW: The Bears are no longer known solely for the basketball talents of Scottie Pippen. Having completed the mandated probationary period required of programs moving from NAIA to NCAA, Central Arkansas is now eligible for the Division II playoffs. The Bears, who have the luxury of playing North Alabama at home, return 15 starters from an 8-2 squad. Center Don Struching and linebacker Carlos Meeks are All-American candidates, and the team has an impressive supporting cast.

13. GRAND VALLEY STATE (Mich.) Lakers

OVERVIEW: The Lakers (8-4) look ready to wrestle the Midwest Intercollegiate League title away from Ferris State and move into national contention. Coach Brian Kelly's team led its conference in offense for the fifth

straight year in advancing to the playoffs last season. Twenty-six players who started at one time or another are back, including three quarterbacks with experience, a rare luxury in Division II. Defensively, linebacker Tim Postema will be called on to lead a unit that remains the only question mark.

14. EDINBORO (Pa.) Fighting Scots

OVERVIEW: The Fighting Scots have flirted with national success recently, but getting over that proverbial hump has not come easy. Despite the loss of several key players, the Fighting Scots are entertaining hopes of taking that next step this season. The defensive unit will be among the best in the country with nine starters returning, including end Pat Schuster and linebacker Michael Sims (124 tackles).

15. NORTH DAKOTA Fighting Sioux

OVERVIEW: North Dakota has spent more than a decade trying to outdo its in-state neighbor, North Dakota State. With a measure of respect earned after two wins over their rival, the Sioux will be out to solidify that acclaim. North Dakota was eliminated in the national semifinals last season and finished 10-3. Despite some personnel losses, the Sioux have several key defenders back in linemen Mark Callahan and David Hillesheim and defensive back James Cheatham. On offense, receiver Jeff McElroy (50 catches, eight TDs) is a big-play threat.

16. WESTERN STATE (Colo.) Mountaineers

OVERVIEW: The Mountaineers (8-3) have built their offense in the mold of some high-powered units often associated with teams from the Rocky Mountain region. That pass-oriented philosophy won't change despite the loss of their starting quarterback. Junior Jason Davis, who completed 21 of 30 passes for 346 yards and six touchdowns in a starting role as a freshman, will inherit the position. If he's successful, the Mountaineers should be set with 17 players returning with starting experience.

17. EASTERN NEW MEXICO Greyhounds

OVERVIEW: Eastern New Mexico has watched silently through the years as the publicity and notoriety generated by Lone Star Conference teams have gone to several of its counterparts, most notably Texas A&M-Kingsville. There may be some deserved exposure for ENMU this season. Despite a 6-4-1 record a year ago, the Greyhounds have 15 starters back, including nine on defense. Defensive back Conrad Hamilton had 110 tackles, four sacks and four interceptions to his credit last year, while defensive lineman Calvin Blue had eight sacks.

18. NEW HAVEN (Conn.) Chargers

OVERVIEW: The Chargers have built a strong football tradition in a short period, mainly behind the heroics of running back Roger Graham. The Chargers (7-3) will not likely be known for their offensive explosiveness this year after losing nine starters on that unit, including Graham. However, linebacker Scott Riggs (106 tackles) and cornerback Michael Brown head a defense that should be good enough to keep New Haven competitive.

19. VIRGINIA STATE Trojans

OVERVIEW: The Trojans (7-3) have been consistent performers for years and could slide into the national spotlight with 17 starters back

from a squad that narrowly missed the playoffs a year ago. Tailback Robert "Bo" Morgan is a solid performer, but Virginia State is known for its balanced attack (1,242 rushing and 1,716 passing yards last year). The key will be replacing losses both on the offensive line and at linebacker.

20. WEST GEORGIA Braves

OVERVIEW: West Georgia's bid for a playoff spot fell just short last year, and the Braves (7-3) may get their chance this year if quarterback Mark Elred can carry them that far. He showed the poise of a veteran quarterback last year, passing for more than 1,500 yards and completing just over 50 percent of his passes. Defensive back Andre Gilliam heads the defense.

21. BLOOMSBURG (Pa.) Huskies

OVERVIEW: The Huskies won their last five games and have the Bloomsburg faithful optimistic for a return to the national spotlight. Nine offensive and seven defensive starters return from an 8-3 club in '94. The offense is built around quarterback Glen McNamee (60 percent completion rate and 1,846 yards), 1,000-yard rusher Mike Johnson and wide receiver Buck Eardley (15-yard average on 57 catches).

22. HILLSDALE (Mich.) Chargers

OVERVIEW: Hillsdale is another team that finished strong a year ago, having turned a 1-3 start into a 7-4 mark. Opponents were outscored by an average of 43-10 over the last seven games. Hillsdale led the Midwestern Intercollegiate Conference in total offense and total defense, and 12 starters are back, led by free safety Scott Elwer (10 interceptions) and offensive lineman Brad Affholter.

23. MANKATO STATE (Minn.) Mavericks

OVERVIEW: The Mavs managed to earn a piece of the spotlight following a 7-4 season, including three losses to playoff teams, in the always tough North Central Conference. Mankato State will turn to quarterback John Hebgen (212-of-367 passing, 3,006 yards, 24 TDs), and his top target is Jeff Spinker. Reggie Patterson, a junior college All-America defensive back last season at College of DuPage (Ill.), will help bolster the defense.

24. ANGELO STATE (Texas) Rams

OVERVIEW: The Rams (6-4) squeezed into the playoffs last season but made a quick exit. Angelo State must rely on its defense early with eight starters back, including linebacker Greg Stokes, who led the Lone Star Conference with 137 tackles. Seven starters return on offense, but a new quarterback and a running game must be found.

25. SAGINAW VALLEY (Mich.) Cardinals

OVERVIEW: Saginaw Valley has tough company to negotiate within the Midwestern Intercollegiate Conference, but the Cardinals could be the nation's sleeper this year. They went 6-4 last season but have a veteran team that features 26 players with starting experience. They added running back help from the junior college ranks to go with the game-breaking duo of versatile quarterback Robert Reeves and flanker Charles Davis.

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By CHIP MUNDY

This season could be eventful for the St. John's (Minn.) football team. Coach John Gagliardi begins his 43rd season at St. John's and 47th overall poised to move into second place on the NCAA's all-time victory list. With an a career record of 317-98-10, he could pass third-place Pop Warner (319) and second-place Bear Bryant (323) this season. Although all-time leader Eddie Robinson of Grambling is out of his reach, a national championship is not.

The Johnnies (11-2 in '94) have lost to the eventual national champion in each of the past two seasons, both times in the semifinals.

What may make this season even more special for Gagliardi (the namesake of the Gagliardi Trophy, Division III's version of the Heisman) and the Johnnies is the emergence of quarterback Kurt Ramler, who started last season third on the depth chart. An injury to starter Ken Pletcher in the third game and backup Pat Kemper in the fourth game gave Ramler his chance, and the 6-foot-4, 215-pound sophomore seized the opportunity. He started the final nine games and finished with 2,623 yards and 30 touchdown passes as the Johnnies led the nation in scoring (47.1 points per game).

1. ST. JOHN'S (Minn.) Johnnies

OVERVIEW: St. John's has more than Ramler. Chris Palmer is back after hauling in 42 passes for 826 yards and nine touchdowns in the regular season. Palmer did not play in the semifinal loss against Albion because of a separated shoulder he suffered in the quarterfinals against Wartburg. Palmer, a senior was also second in the nation in kick returns with an average of 33.2 yards.

Defensively, St. John's needs to rebuild its line where Brian Kohorst, Trent Anderson and Jim Wagner all graduated after earning first-team all-conference honors.

2. ALBION (Mich.) Britons

OVERVIEW: Albion (13-0) has enough back to defend its first national championship. The Britons led the nation with 39 interceptions and return three starters in the secondary: David Lefere, Jared Wood and Tim Schafer. Lefere, a junior safety, had a team-high 12 interceptions, including three in Albion's 19-16 semifinal victory at St. John's.

The Britons also return starting quarterback Kyle Klein, a double-threat who can pass or run the football. Klein's favorite target, Chris Barnett, is back after leading the team with 56 catches for 918 yards and 14 touchdowns.

First on the need list is a replacement for speedy tailback Jeff Robinson, who was 12th in the nation in rushing. Head coach Pete Schmidt has had success running the football at Albion with a 1,000-yard rusher in each of the past six seasons, during which the Britons have won the conference title every year. Also gone are superb blocking fullback Todd Morris and All-America center Chip Heyboer.

3. CENTRAL (Iowa) Flying Dutchmen

OVERVIEW: Central (10-1) rolled through the '94 regular season, outscoring its opponents 412-73 with five shutouts in 10 games.

All-America offensive tackle Jeff Helle has

Preseason Div. III All-America Team

OFFENSE

QB	Craig Kusick, Wis.-LaCrosse	6-6	225	Sr.
RB	Mark Kacmarynski, Cent. (Iowa)	6-0	210	Sr.
FB	Josh Mason, Amherst	5-10	210	Jr.
WR	Ryan Ditze, Albright	6-0	192	Sr.
WR	Mark Loeffler, Wheaton	6-2	170	Jr.
TE	Ryan Davis, St. Thomas	6-3	215	Sr.
OL	Brian Campbell, Dickinson	6-2	237	Sr.
OL	Mike Robinson, Coe	6-0	230	Sr.
OL	Greg Rosinski, Rose-Hulman	6-6	250	Sr.
OL	Jason Klein, Baldwin-Wallace	6-4	300	Sr.
OL	Doug Johnston, Wheaton	6-3	270	Sr.

DEFENSE

DL	Vince Penningroth, Wartburg	6-1	238	Sr.
DL	Paul Diamantopoulos, Mass. Marit.	6-1	220	Sr.
DL	Robert Hull, Wash. & Lee	6-3	225	Sr.
DL	Scott Connolly, Ithaca	6-0	230	Sr.
LB	Colby Compton, Plymouth St.	6-0	195	Sr.
LB	Rick Sanger, Central (Iowa)	6-0	230	Sr.
LB	Rusty Van Wetzling, Augustana	6-0	215	Sr.
DB	David Lefere, Albion	6-0	165	Jr.
DB	Antonio Moore, Widener	5-8	162	Jr.
DB	Krumie Mabry, Alfred	6-2	215	Sr.
DB	Charles Warren, Dickinson	5-9	174	Jr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

K	Chris Kondik, Baldwin-Wallace	6-2	195	So.
P	Tomek Mikler, Redlands	6-4	225	Sr.
RS	Chris Palmer, St. John's	5-11	175	Sr.



PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Mark Kacmarynski,
RB, Central (Iowa)

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Paul Trobec,
RB, St. John's (Minn.)

graduated, but Central returns eight starters on offense and seven on defense. Senior tailback Mark Kacmarynski was third in the nation last season in rushing with 174.1 yards per game.

Hard-hitting linebacker Rick Sanger leads a defense that was third in scoring defense (7.3 ppg) and ninth in total defense (217.2 ypg).

4. MOUNT UNION (Ohio) Purple Raiders

OVERVIEW: Behind inaugural Gagliardi Trophy-winner Jim Ballard, Mount Union (10-2) captured the 1993 national championship. The Purple Raiders then turned to a freshman in 1994 to replace Ballard at quarterback, and Bill Borchert passed for 2,343 yards and 26 touchdowns.

Borchert will not have leading receiver Sean Lyons (41 catches, 811 yards) to throw to or top offensive lineman Matt Johnson blocking. On defense, the Purple Raiders will have to replace three of their top performers: end Rich Dine and linebackers Dan Capozella and Rod Rodgers.

5. WISCONSIN-LA CROSSE Eagles

OVERVIEW: Wisconsin-La Crosse (8-2) may have the best chance of any of last year's non-playoff teams to make a run at the national title. A shock-

PRESEASON TOP 25

1. ST. JOHN'S (MINN.)
2. ALBION (MICH.)
3. CENTRAL (IOWA)
4. MOUNT UNION (OHIO)
5. WISCONSIN-LA CROSSE
6. WARTBURG (IOWA)
7. DICKINSON (PA.)
8. PLYMOUTH STATE (N.H.)
9. WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON (PA.)
10. ALLEGHENY (PA.)
11. BALDWIN-WALLACE (OHIO)
12. AUGUSTANA (ILL.)
13. ITHACA (N.Y.)
14. WIDENER (PA.)
15. ILLINOIS WESLEYAN
16. TRINITY (TEXAS)
17. JOHN CARROLL (OHIO)
18. BUFFALO STATE (N.Y.)
19. WISCONSIN-WHITEWATER
20. La VERNE (CALIF.)
21. UNION (N.Y.)
22. WILKES (PA.)
23. ROWAN (N.J.)
24. WHEATON (ILL.)
25. HANOVER (IND.)

ing 13-8 loss in the regular-season finale to Wisconsin-Eau Claire (which entered the game with a 1-8 record) cost the Eagles a playoff berth.

The good news is that many key performers return, including 6-6 senior quarterback Craig Kusick, who completed 164 of 275 passes for 2,369 yards and 25 touchdowns with just six interceptions last season. Junior defensive lineman Michael Ivey and junior linebacker Mike Maslowski also are back for the Eagles.

6. WARTBURG (Iowa) Knights

OVERVIEW: Wartburg (10-2) finished fourth in scoring offense (41.3 ppg) and second in scoring defense (7.1) but could not get past St. John's in the quarterfinals. The Knights will have to find a replacement for both running back Bobby Beatty, who graduated as the school's all-time leading rusher with more than 4,000 yards, and quarterback Mike Elijah. But with most of Wartburg's games over before halftime, junior quarterback Brian Nelson and junior running back Chad Briggs gained tons of experience in '94.

Vince Penningroth is back to lead Wartburg's defense from his end position, and Grant Bearbower is a returning all-league defensive end.

7. DICKINSON (Pa.) Red Devils

OVERVIEW: Dickinson was the only school to place the maximum five players on last year's All-America team selected by the Division III sports information directors. But, only senior guard Brian Campbell and junior defensive back Charles Warren return after being second- and third-team selections, respectively.

The Red Devils (10-1) were second in the nation in rushing offense with 333.7 yards per game and return their top three rushers: Chris Hughes (140-885), Andrew Hinkel (83-740) and Jon Rubin (155-672).

8. PLYMOUTH STATE (N.H.) Panthers

OVERVIEW: Plymouth State (10-1) returns 15 starters, including the conference's offensive and defensive players of the year: quarterback Joel Perry and linebacker Colby Compton. Plus, Perry's favorite receiver, R.J. Letendre, returns after hauling in 48 passes for 940 yards.

9. WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON (Pa.) Presidents

OVERVIEW: Washington & Jefferson has been in national championship games two of the past three years and played in the semifinals the other season. The Presidents led the nation in rushing defense (23.7 ypg) a year ago, but yielded 254 in the title game against Albion.

Matt Szczypinski, the leader of the defensive line, has graduated, leaving that role to junior tackle Dan Primrose. On offense, W&J returns quarterback Jason Baer (25 TDs) and junior tailback Jake Williams (2,394 yards in two seasons).

10. ALLEGHENY (Pa.) Gators

OVERVIEW: Allegheny was the only NCAA Division III team to average more than 500 yards per game in total offense a year ago, but the loss of quarterback Paul Bell will be felt. Bell, the runner-up for the Gagliardi Trophy, was third in the country in passing efficiency and 10th in total offense.

The Gators (10-1) led the nation in total offense, were second in scoring offense and fourth in scoring defense. But they've lost Matt Allison, the anchor of the offensive line, Andy McKenzie, the school's all-time leading receiver, leading pass-rusher Eric Winslow and defensive back Marvin Farr, a three-year starter who led the team in interceptions.

11. BALDWIN-WALLACE (Ohio) Yellow Jackets

OVERVIEW: Baldwin-Wallace (9-1) ranked in the Top 10 nationally in total defense (fourth), rushing defense (fifth), scoring defense (sixth) and pass efficiency defense (ninth). Team MVP Phil Sahley, a defensive end, has graduated, but junior linebacker Tony Oden (nine sacks) is back.

Three-year starter Jason Klein, a 300-pound junior tackle, will anchor the offensive line. The Jackets also have a weapon in sophomore placekicker Chris Kondik, who booted a school-record 13 field goals last season.

12. AUGUSTANA (Ill.) Vikings

OVERVIEW: Augustana was the team of the 1980s, winning four consecutive national titles from 1983-'86. The Vikings (8-2), who made the playoffs every year from 1981-'90, ended a three-year absence from the postseason last year but suffered a first-round loss to Albion.

Senior Tommy King will begin his fourth season as Augustana's starting quarterback and will be joined in the backfield by running back Scott Tumilty, who shared the conference's offensive Player of the Year Award. Senior linebacker Rusty Van Wetzlinga, the conference's defensive Player of the Year, leads a unit that was 12th nationally in scoring defense and 15th in total defense last season.

13. ITHACA (N.Y.) Bombers

OVERVIEW: A traditional power in the East Region, Ithaca loses several key performers after advancing to the national semifinals under first-year head coach Michael Welch.

The Bombers had a plethora of seniors a year ago. They will build around senior defensive lineman Scott Connolly, who had seven tackles for losses in Ithaca's three playoff games.

14. WIDENER (Pa.) Pioneers

OVERVIEW: Widener (10-2) made the playoffs for the first time since head coach Bill Cubit took over for Bill Manlove, whose clubs advanced to the postseason seven times and captured national championships in 1977 and 1981.

Quarterback Vic Ameye, who finished ninth in the nation in passing efficiency last season, returns after being a finalist for the Gagliardi Trophy. Senior linebacker Blaise Coleman is also back. Coleman had 214 tackles the past two seasons, and he will be complemented by junior defensive back Antonio Moore, who led the nation with 13 interceptions.

15. ILLINOIS WESLEYAN Titans

OVERVIEW: Illinois Wesleyan will rely on senior tight end Jason Richards as its go-to guy. Richards was named team MVP and was a finalist for the Gagliardi Trophy after catching 38 passes for 520 yards. Quarterback Lon Erickson also is back after completing 58 percent of his passes for 1,559 yards and 15 touchdowns.

The Titans rebounded from a 4-5 season two years ago to go 8-1, largely because of their pass defense. Garrett Larkin had nine interceptions as Illinois Wesleyan was sixth in the nation in pass efficiency defense.

16. TRINITY (Texas) Tigers

OVERVIEW: Trinity was first in the nation in scoring defense (6.2 ppg), second in total defense (182.5 ypg) and third in rushing defense (62.9). But in the first round of their first-ever Division III postseason appearance, the 10-0 Tigers bowed to Washington & Jefferson.

Trinity will miss linebacker James Vallerie, who led the team in tackles the past two seasons. But defensive back Matt Miller returns after his team-high eight interceptions helped the Tigers finish third in pass efficiency defense.

17. JOHN CARROLL (Ohio) Blue Streaks

OVERVIEW: The Blue Streaks, whose only loss came against then-No. 1 Mount Vernon, lose quarterback P.J. Insana, who threw a school-record 20 touchdown passes, leading receiver Sean Williams, pass-rusher Mike Warnement and all-time leading punter Ryan Haley, who led the nation with an average of 42.8 yards. Damon Mintz (seven interceptions) and placekicker Jason Goldberg (12 field goals) head the list of returnees for John Carroll (9-1).

18. BUFFALO STATE (N.Y.) Bengals

OVERVIEW: Buffalo State made the playoffs with a 6-3 record in the regular season and hung with Ithaca in the first round before losing in overtime. As a sophomore, Perez Dinkins led upstate New York in rushing with 862 yards. Buffalo State was 20th in the nation in total defense but loses standouts Paul Childress (defensive end) and Stacy Watts (linebacker).

19. WISCONSIN-WHITEWATER Warhawks

OVERVIEW: Wisconsin-Whitewater captured the Wisconsin State University Conference by taking advantage of the third-best turnover margin in the country. The Warhawks lost just five fumbles and had a plus-22 turnover margin.

Spencer Johnson, who was fourth in the country in rushing and 14th in scoring, will have to be replaced. But Wisconsin-Whitewater (8-2) retains much of its offensive line, including 300-pound senior Joel Schenk, an all-conference first-team selection.

20. LaVERNE (Calif.) Leopards

OVERVIEW: After averaging 38.6 points per game and compiling a 9-0 record in the regular season, LaVerne lost in the first round of the playoffs. Quarterback Ryan Campuzano, who finished seventh in the nation in passing efficiency, returns after completing 61 percent of his passes for 1,624 yards, 13 touchdowns and four interceptions.

Campuzano's top target, junior receiver Anthony Rice, is also back after catching 45 passes for 799 yards and eight touchdowns.

21. UNION (N.Y.) Dutchmen

OVERVIEW: Union (8-2) finished fifth in scoring defense (8.6 ppg) and 16th in total defense (238.4 ypg) last season. Converted tailback Kevin Pessolano was solid in his first season in the secondary.

Guard John Marbarger will anchor the offensive line for the Dutchmen, while strong-legged kicker Roger Egbert can reach the end zone on kickoffs and also provides a field-goal threat.

22. WILKES (Pa.) Colonels

OVERVIEW: Coming off their first appearance in the NCAA Division III playoffs, Wilkes (9-2) captured the Freedom League in the Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Conference but lost to Commonwealth League champion Widener in the MAC title game. The good news is on offense, where quarterback Damon "Boo" Perry, who holds the school records for career passing yards (4,908) and career touchdown passes (40), returns. Also back are junior receiver Michael Gundersdorf (49 catches, 846 yards) and running back Elijah Powell, who finished 17th in the nation in rushing (128 ypg) last season as a freshman. But there is bad news on defense, where the Colonels lose standout performers Jack Cole (end), Robert Delbo (linebacker) and defensive back Ben McKeown.

23. ROWAN (N.J.) Professors

OVERVIEW: Rowan was the national runner-up in 1993 but slipped to fourth place in the New Jersey Athletic Conference and a 6-3 record in '94. Defensive lineman Jason Giambuzzi is a fierce pass-rusher who will have to keep the heat on opposing quarterbacks if the Profs are to return to postseason action.

24. WHEATON (Ill.) Crusaders

OVERVIEW: Wheaton (7-2) had an average point differential of plus-20 per game and returns many of its key players from that squad. Jeff Brown, the all-conference quarterback, was 18th in passing efficiency (141-for-254, 1,981 yards, 22 TDs) and will be reunited with his favorite receiver, junior Mark Loeffler, who caught 57 passes for 853 yards and 12 touchdowns.

25. HANOVER (Ind.) Panthers

OVERVIEW: Hanover (8-2) ranked 15th in the nation in total offense but was first in passing offense with 351.3 yards per game. The reason? Quarterback Terry Peebles, who returns for his senior year after leading the country in total offense with 344.1 yards per game. He completed 252 of 445 passes for 3,197 yards and a school-record 37 touchdowns.

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By MIKE JONES

With the numbers in NAIA Division I football dwindling, the favorites are easier to pick out.

There's no better place to start than Wilberforce, Ohio, home of Central State, which won national titles in 1990 and 1992 and was the runner-up in 1991. Despite what coach Rick Comegy calls a "rebuilding year," Central State appears to be one of the teams to beat — again.

But that may be good news for the rest of the schools in NAIA Division I. Central State was the odds-on pick to win the title the last two years but lost in the semifinals to Glenville (W.Va.) State in 1993 and was ousted by Arkansas-Pine Bluff in the first round last year.

"We're not licking our wounds over Arkansas-Pine Bluff," Comegy said. "We may not have the best team, but you still have to walk out there and play us."

Elsewhere, Western Montana, a national semifinalist a year ago, will attack with one of the most explosive offenses in the NAIA, while teams from the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference teams (East Central and Northeastern State) have won national titles.

1. CENTRAL STATE (Ohio) Marauders

OVERVIEW: Comegy will field one of the youngest teams in recent school history, but Central State (8-2 in '94) should be in the title hunt. The Marauders' strength on offense will be the run, as fullbacks Charles Gibbs and Robert Harris return, along with halfback Robert Dotson. Antonio Davis is expected to step in at quarterback. Comegy will have to find a replacement for defensive lineman Hugh Douglas, a junior who opted for the NFL. Linebacker Shawn Sharp, a returning starter, should spearhead the defense.

2. WESTERN MONTANA Bulldogs

OVERVIEW: Western Montana (8-3) was on the verge of reaching last year's title game before Arkansas-Pine Bluff rallied and won in overtime. With 16 starters back, the Bulldogs are ready to make another bid for the championship. Junior QB Jason Truman (276 of 455, 3,505 yards, 33 TDs) returns, as does receiver Bobby Beers (77 catches for 1,021). Center Pat Schoenen will be the leader of the offensive line. Defensively, linebacker Shane Henderson (56 tackles) is back, as are defensive backs Shawn Hollenback and Shane Frey, an All-America pick last year.

3. NORTHEASTERN STATE (Okla.) Redmen

OVERVIEW: To defend their first national title in 36 years, the Redmen will have to fill some big gaps. NSU lost nine starters from the nation's top-ranked defense, including three first-team All-Americans. Linebacker Bertram Benford, last year's second-leading tackler with 90 stops, returns. Offensively, Tony Hutson, a returning All America, will anchor the line. J.J. Eckert, the starting quarterback last year before being injured in the second game, is back but will be pushed by two transfers: Casey Borin (Tulsa) and Scott Fusselman (Southern Arkansas).

4. ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF Golden Lions

OVERVIEW: After losing 13-12 to Northeastern State in last year's title game, UAPB coach Lee

PRESEASON TOP 10

1. CENTRAL STATE (OHIO)
2. WESTERN MONTANA
3. NORTHEASTERN STATE (OKLA.)
4. ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF
5. LANGSTON (OKLA.)
6. SOUTHEASTERN OKLA. STATE
7. IOWA WESLEYAN
8. WESTERN NEW MEXICO
9. HARDING (ARK.)
10. EAST CENTRAL (OKLA.)

Preseason All-NAIA Div I Team

OFFENSE				
QB	Jason Truman, W. Montana	6-3	180	Jr.
RB	LaMark Brim, Langston	5-8	170	Sr.
RB	J.J. Lamb, Carroll (Mont.)	5-9	185	Sr.
WR	Bobby Felix, W. New Mexico	5-10	175	Sr.
WR	Bobby Beers, W. Montana	5-10	180	Sr.
TE	Junior Lowden, S'western Okla. St.	6-4	257	Sr.
OL	Tony Hutson, Northeastern St.	6-4	290	Sr.
OL	Teka Brown, Central State	6-6	325	Sr.
OL	Leonta Gillespie, Ark.-Pine Bluff	6-2	305	Sr.
OL	Tim Vitito, SE Okla. State	6-5	320	Sr.
OL	Jim Trischan, W. New Mexico	6-3	290	Sr.

DEFENSE				
DL	Jamil Snowden, Ark.-Pine Bluff	5-11	240	Sr.
DL	Jason Desjarlais, W. Montana	6-2	230	Sr.
DL	Barry Samuels, S'western Okla. St.	6-2	280	Sr.
DL	Orlando Joseph, Harding	6-0	250	Jr.
LB	Terry Bell, East Central	6-2	210	Jr.
LB	Charles Burrell, Ark.-Pine Bluff	6-1	215	Sr.
LB	Bertram Benford, Northeastern St.	6-1	220	Jr.
DB	Shane Frey, W. Montana	6-0	185	Sr.
DB	Derek Huggins, Northeastern St.	6-1	210	Sr.
DB	Shawn Hollenback, W. Montana	5-8	162	Sr.
DB	Joel Hughes, Langston	6-2	210	Sr.

SPECIAL TEAMS				
K	Greg Howell, Central State	6-0	188	Sr.
P	Shaun Smith, Montana Tech	6-3	193	Sr.
RS	Anthony Williams, Ark.-Pine Bluff	6-0	170	Sr.



PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Jason Truman, QB, Western Montana

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Gary Porter, Northwestern (Okla.)

Hardman said the Lions (9-4) would be even better this year. UAPB returns several players who played key roles in the first championship game in school history, including linebacker Charles Burrell, the defensive MVP in the title game. Lineman/linebacker Jamil Snowden also will be a force. Offensively, UAPB may have found a replacement for quarterback Chris Robinson in Doug Switzer, the son of Dallas Cowboys' coach Barry Switzer, a transfer from Missouri Southern. Ray Nealy (822 yards rush-

ing, eight touchdowns) returns at tailback.

5. LANGSTON (Okla.) Lions

OVERVIEW: Langston (10-3) reached the semifinals a year ago behind one of the most explosive offenses in the country. Most of that vaunted unit was dismantled by graduation, but coach Greg Johnson still has some weapons. Tailback LaMark Brim (1,089 yards rushing and nine TDs) is back, as is tight end Mike King, who caught 47 passes for 684 yards and five scores last year.

6. SOUTHEASTERN OKLA. ST. Savages

OVERVIEW: Expect Southeastern (8-2) to make its mark on defense. Coach Morris Sloan thinks this unit has the potential to be perhaps as good as the 1991 group that led the nation in three of four categories. Leading the defense will be senior lineman Barry Samuels (6-4, 280). The offense won't be bad either, with junior Jeff Moser, a two-year starter, as the quarterback.

7. IOWA WESLEYAN Tigers

OVERVIEW: Iowa Wesleyan has put together back-to-back 8-3 seasons. Another finish like that isn't out of the question this year. Coach Pat Poore returns eight starters on defense and three on offense. "We hope the defense can carry us early," Poore said. That shouldn't be a problem with players like Epenesa Epenesa, an All-America lineman as a sophomore, and standout linebacker Pati Pati, both of whom hail from Samoa.

8. WESTERN NEW MEXICO Mustangs

OVERVIEW: If you're a Western New Mexico fan, the name Bobby Felix says it all. Felix, one of the most versatile players in the NAIA, is back for his senior year. A first-team All America last year at wide receiver, Felix rolled up 272 all-purpose yards per game and averaged eight catches for 126 yards per game. His versatility was never more evident than in a game last year when he was moved to the backfield after Western's quarterback was hurt in a traffic accident. Felix promptly rolled up 192 yards rushing on 21 carries.

9. HARDING (Ark.) Bison

OVERVIEW: Harding wandered through a 5-4-1 season a year ago but has the makings to do much better this time round. The Bison return depth at both running back spots and have good strength on the defensive line and at linebacker. Ryan Derrick and Jay Wright will battle it out for the quarterback spot.

10. EAST CENTRAL (Okla.) Tigers

OVERVIEW: East Central (3-7) won the national championship two years ago but fell on hard times last season when injuries decimated the Tigers early. But all signs point to a resurgence this year. ECU has 15 returning starters (eight offense, seven defense) including the entire offensive line, led by James Martin (6-5, 315) and Damon Taylor (6-6, 330). Defensively, junior linebacker Terry Bell, one of the most feared hitters in the OIC, is back after being shelved by a knee injury.

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By JEFF KIRIK

In the 25-year history of NAIA Division II football, Westminster (Pa.) College has made nine appearances in the national championship game and won a record six titles. Pacific Lutheran University has made several trips to the title game and earned three crowns.

Westminster and Pac Lutheran appear to have national championship-caliber teams again, as does perennial power and three-time champ Linfield (Ore.). That trio will be challenged by Trinity (Ill.) and Western Washington.

1. WESTMINSTER (Pa.) Titans

OVERVIEW: First-team All-America tailback Andy Blatt, a senior who compiled 1,982 rushing yards and a school-record 28 touchdowns last season for Westminster (12-2 in '94), will run behind an experienced line anchored by 280-pound left tackle Nate Armstrong. Wide receiver Tim McNeil will provide help for Sean O'Shea's successor at quarterback — most likely sophomore Todd Huda.

Second-team All-America middle linebacker Craig Mills will team with defensive end Craig Villwock, linebacker Harold Starghill and safety Andy Barry to form the defensive core.

2. LINFIELD (Ore.) Wildcats

OVERVIEW: Linfield (8-2) boasts a string of 39 consecutive winning seasons and was ranked No. 1 for much of last season before falling in the first round of the playoffs. Sixteen starters — eight each on offense and defense — are back for coach Ed Langsdorf, including his son, senior quarterback Danny Langsdorf, who passed for 2,055 yards and 24 touchdowns in '94. Leading rusher Joey Rector (621 yards) returns, and All-America candidate Jeff Wallace, a 6-foot-4, 282-pound tackle, is back on the line. The defensive backfield is among the best in the nation, led by cornerbacks John Brown and Branden Hughes.

3. TRINITY (Ill.) Trojans

OVERVIEW: Coach Leslie Frazier's program received a dramatic boost when two blue chips transferred from top-flight Division I-A programs: quarterback Jon Stark (6-3, 200), a former backup at Florida State, and tailback Mike Jones, a former star at USC. Without Stark and Jones, the Trojans went 8-2-1 last year and soared up the national poll into the playoffs. Thirteen starters are back, including standout receiver Karl Hankton. Five defensive starters return, led by cornerback Troy Bell (seven interceptions).

4. WESTERN WASHINGTON Vikings

OVERVIEW: The Vikings (8-3) finished among the NAIA Top 10 for the first time last year and earned the first playoff victory in school history. Eight regulars return to a high-powered offense, including a pair of three-year starters: Running back Jon Brunaugh and quarterback Jason Stiles. Brunaugh has piled up 2,946 yards in three seasons, while Stiles has passed for a school-record 5,557 yards and 50 touchdowns over the same period. Cornerback Orlando Steinauer, safety Randy Carter and linebacker Coley Beaman are the top defensive returnees.

PRESEASON TOP 10

1. WESTMINSTER (PA.)
2. LINFIELD (ORE.)
3. TRINITY (ILL.)
4. WESTERN WASHINGTON
5. PACIFIC LUTHERAN (WASH.)
6. NORTHWESTERN (IOWA)
7. FINDLAY (OHIO)
8. MINOT STATE (N.D.)
9. HARDIN-SIMMONS (TEXAS)
10. EVANGEL (MISS.)

Preseason All-NAIA Div II Team

OFFENSE

QB	Danny Langsdorf, Linfield	6-1	190	Sr.
RB	Andy Blatt, Westminster	6-0	208	Sr.
RB	Bill Volk, Western Oregon	5-11	193	Sr.
WR	Doug Kraft, Huron (S.D.)	6-3	200	Jr.
WR	Nate Hamilton, Southern Oregon	6-3	205	Sr.
TE	Gavin Stanley, P. Lutheran	6-2	195	Sr.
OL	Chip Joecken, Northwestern	6-3	255	Sr.
OL	Tyree Myles, Southwestern (Kan.)	6-3	275	Jr.
OL	Jake Wiersma, Azusa Pacific	6-6	275	Sr.
OL	Nate Armstrong, Westminster	6-0	280	Sr.
OL	Cal Dietz, Findlay	6-0	265	Sr.

DEFENSE

DL	Anthony Christian, H-Simmons	6-0	310	Sr.
DL	Jason Aman, Mary (N.D.)	6-4	265	Sr.
DL	Moses Sherman, Malone (Ohio)	6-0	285	Jr.
DL	Nate Arnold, Findlay	6-1	276	Jr.
LB	Ray Long, Findlay	6-0	220	Sr.
LB	Craig Mills, Westminster	6-1	215	Sr.
LB	Terry Broussard, Minot State	6-2	238	Sr.
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DB	John Brown, Linfield	6-2	180	Sr.
DB	Orlando Steinauer, W. Wash.	5-10	180	Sr.
DB	Danny Ballough, Puget Sound	5-9	170	Sr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

K	Jeremy Macejewski, Union	5-10	141	Jr.
P	Jim Ranieri, Kansas Wesleyan	5-8	180	Sr.
RS	Nick Butler, Culver-Stockton	5-7	170	So.



PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Andy Blatt, RB, Westminster

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Jon Stark, QB, Trinity

5. PACIFIC LUTHERAN (Wash.) Lutes

OVERVIEW: Pacific Lutheran (11-2) will look to make its third consecutive appearance in the NAIA Division II title game. The Lutes are guided by Frosty Westering (236-73-6), the winningest active coach in the NAIA. The Lutes must replace eight defensive starters, but with cornerbacks Mark Givens and John Hammil returning, the secondary is solid. After passing for 962 yards and eight touchdowns in a reserve

role last year, sophomore quarterback Dak Jordan should take over the offense.

6. NORTHWESTERN (Iowa) Red Raiders

OVERVIEW: Three All-Americans provide the foundation for a powerful Northwestern (10-2) squad. The offense is fueled by four veteran offensive linemen, including first-team All-America tackle Chip Joecken (6-3, 255). Second team All-America running back Lance Baatz ran for a school-record 1,253 yards last season and 18 touchdowns. Quarterback Adam Tyrell also returns (2,211 yards, 24 TDs). The Red Raiders' defense was hit hard by graduation, but the linebackers and secondary are solid. First-team All-America defensive back Greg Terpstra led the nation in interceptions last season with 11.

7. FINDLAY (Ohio) Oilers

OVERVIEW: Fourteen starters are back, including eight on offense. One key returnee, quarterback Bo Hurley, passed for 908 yards and nine touchdowns and also ran for 502 yards and 10 touchdowns. Findlay (6-4), however, must replace 1,000-yard rusher Milan Smith. The defense is in good shape with the likes of first-team All-America linebacker Ray Long, a 6-0, 220-pounder who made 164 tackles last season.

8. MINOT STATE (N.D.) Beavers

OVERVIEW: Minot State (8-3) coach Dave Hendrickson will welcome back 16 starters, including seven from last year's defensive unit which led the nation in total defense (183 yards per game) and rushing defense (30 ypg.). Senior All-America linebacker Terry Broussard (6-2, 240) is back as is tackle Jay Balkar (6-2, 265) and Minot's entire secondary. Tailback Scott Deibert (1,036 rushing yards, 18 TDs) and quarterback Scott Mayer (1,610 passing yards, 13 TDs) are among the eight returning offensive starters.

9. HARDIN-SIMMONS (Texas) Cowboys

OVERVIEW: Three offensive superstars graduated — including first-team All America QB Kevin Beam, so coach Jimmy Keeling must rebuild his offense. Junior Todd Baumann should replace Beam, while senior Danny Chambers will become the primary receiver for the Cowboys (8-3). The defense will be loaded with seven returning starters, the most prominent being 310-pound first-team All-America tackle Anthony Christian.

10. EVANGEL (Miss.) Crusaders

OVERVIEW: Evangel (7-3-1) looks to make its third straight playoff appearance. Sixteen starters return, and the offensive line has a massive foundation in tackle John Wachob (6-3, 300) and guards Ken Holmes (6-2, 290) and Dustin Kinard (6-4, 322). Erick Black, a 6-5 sophomore, will return at quarterback following a 1,900-yard passing performance in 1994. The team's top rushers, fullback Warren Honroe (612 yards) and tailback Stacey Reardon (424 yards), are also back. Defensively, linemen Michael Odom and Ryan Helton and linebacker Harvey Berrien will provide needed muscle up front.

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JUNIOR COLLEGE

By ANDY KATZ

Junior college football teams must settle their national championship on the football field. It only makes sense. Compared to NCAA Division I-A, there are fewer teams and no pressures from major corporate sponsors or network television, forcing more meaningless bowls onto the cluttered holiday calendar.

One JUCO champion. It makes too much sense. And that's why it hasn't happened.

California runs its own junior college system. The schools in California possess some of the top individual and team talent in the nation.

"But it's as if they don't even exist," said first-year Nassau (N.Y.) Community College coach George Powers.

Last season, Trinity Valley (Texas) won the NJCAA national championship with a bowl victory over Northeastern Oklahoma A&M. Trinity finished 12-0 and No. 1 in the final NJCAA rankings. City College of San Francisco was just as impressive, finishing 11-0 as California state champs after a bowl win over Laney.

Trinity Valley coach Randy Pippen doesn't see as much of a dropoff in talent from Division I-A to JUCO. Sure, there are depth problems and the type of talent tends to be regional: speed in the south and west, size in the mountains and midwest and in California a mixture of both.

But if there is one position that doesn't measure up to Division I-A, it's quarterback.

"What makes it so tough is that we've got to grab a kid who is right out of high school and throw him into a starting environment three weeks later," Itawamba (Miss.) JC coach Jay Miller said.

In Kansas, there's a premium put on quarterbacks. Only 10 players on the roster can be from out-of-state. Quarterbacks aren't in abundance in Kansas and, usually, schools in Kansas will use one of their 10 out-of-state scholarships for a quarterback — either a high school player or a transfer.

1. CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO Rams

OVERVIEW: Five offensive and seven defensive starters return to a squad that went 11-0 last season and became the No. 1 team in California. Replacing quarterback Jason Piccolotti, who threw for over 3,000 yards and 36 touchdowns, will be the top priority. The spot is wide open for CCSF, which has averaged over 500 yards per game the last five years. Running back Kevin Jones, wide receiver Terry LaVell and offensive linemen Ernie Toff, Andy Halloran, Grant Bolter and Jason Anderson are all back. The defense is led by linebackers Leonard Hill (6-foot-4, 215) and Terran Blaine (6-1, 240).

2. NASSAU (N.Y.) CC Lions

OVERVIEW: First-year coach George Powers believes Nassau will remain in the top tier of JUCO football. Nassau returns three-fourths of an offense that earned a 9-2 record. Ron White (6-6, 320 pounds) anchors the offensive line. There will be a new quarterback, but fullback Lance Schuiliers will be counted on to use his 4.5-second 40-yard dash speed. There are questions on defense, but three defenders have definite I-A potential: defensive tackle Ramon Alvaras (6-5, 262); cornerback Markus Patrick (6-0, 175) and linebacker Warren Miles (6-0, 175).

Preseason All-JUCO Team

OFFENSE				
QB	Chris Keldorf, Palomar	6-5	220	So.
RB	Saladin McCulloch, El Camino	5-9	185	So.
RB	Franklin Sinclair, Fresno City	5-7	180	So.
WR	Daniel Jones, Mesa	6-0	180	So.
WR	James Jones, Hinds	6-2	180	So.
TE	Dirk Christopherson, Dixie	6-7	255	So.
OL	Blaine Maxfield, Ricks	6-4	275	So.
OL	Jose Portilla, Ricks	6-7	305	So.
OL	Steven Beyer, Blinn	6-3	295	So.
OL	Ron White, Nassau	6-6	320	So.
OL	Al Guerrero, El Camino	6-5	270	So.
DEFENSE				
DL	Ramon Lee, Trinity Valley	6-3	335	So.
DL	Peppi Zellner, Georgia Military	6-5	240	So.
DL	Ramon Alvaras, Nassau	6-5	262	So.
DL	Ryan Akina, Cerritos	6-5	250	So.
LB	Adam Hayden, Mesa	6-2	230	So.
LB	Troy Tuck, L.A. Valley	6-0	216	So.
LB	Naki Angilau, Dixie	6-1	240	So.
LB	Don Sams, Cerritos	6-4	220	So.
DB	Excel Lucas, Hutchinson	6-1	190	So.
DB	Lepher Castleberry, Fresno City	6-1	180	So.
DB	Steve Ridley, N.E. Okla. A&M	6-3	210	So.
DB	Omar Morgan, El Camino	5-9	165	So.
SPECIAL TEAMS				
K	Matt Bryant, Trinity Valley	5-9	175	So.
P	Jaret Holmes, Hinds	6-0	200	So.
RS	Cory Kelley, Cerritos	5-10	180	So.



PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Saladin McCulloch, RB, El Camino (Calif.)

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

John Elder, QB, Garden City (Kan.)

3. EL CAMINO (CALIF.) COLLEGE Warriors

OVERVIEW: Despite losing its starting quarterback to Brigham Young, El Camino should still challenge for the national championship. Two freshmen are vying for quarterback, while the Warriors have three of the top backs in the country in Saladin McCulloch, Zach Swopshire and Cory McCoy. All three are legitimate receivers, while wideout Russell Shaw is the Warriors' top threat after catching 14 touchdowns last season. Four offensive linemen return: Al Guerrero (6-5, 270), Darin Saggolo (6-3, 275), Curtis Armour (6-4, 275) and Ryan Wrinkler (6-4, 270). Defensively, the Warriors have four quality talents in cornerback Omar Morgan (5-9, 165), strong safety Chris Ellison (5-10, 190), tackle Dan Dorsey (6-2, 290) and outside linebacker Trevoyne Towns (6-4, 225).

4. TRINITY VALLEY (TEXAS) CC Cardinals

OVERVIEW: The '94 national champions had 24 players sign with I-A teams, but third-year coach Randy Pippen doesn't see why Trinity Valley can't win the title again. Trinity Valley has potential All Americans at quarterback

PRESEASON TOP 25

1. CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO
2. NASSAU (N.Y.)
3. EL CAMINO (CALIF.)
4. TRINITY VALLEY (TEXAS)
5. HINDS (MISS.)
6. NORTHEASTERN OKLA. A&M
7. DIXIE (UTAH)
8. ITAWAMBA (MISS.)
9. HUTCHINSON (KAN.)
10. MISSISSIPPI DELTA
11. LOS ANGELES VALLEY
12. CERRITOS (CALIF.)
13. GEORGIA MILITARY
14. RICKS (IDAHO)
15. GARDEN CITY (KAN.)
16. RANCHO SANTIAGO (CALIF.)
17. COFFEYVILLE (KAN.)
18. MERCED (CALIF.)
19. FRESNO CITY (CALIF.)
20. JONES COUNTY (MISS.)
21. BLINN (TEXAS)
22. MESA (ARIZ.)
23. PALOMAR (CALIF.)
24. LONG BEACH (CALIF.)
25. LANEY (CALIF.)

(Delverna Williams), kicker (Matt Bryant) and in the secondary (Detrick Griffin and Tremaine Jones). Linebacker Devon Pender (6-2, 180), defensive tackle Ramon Lee (6-3, 335) and offensive tackle Henry McClendon (6-4, 285) are all I-A prospects.

5. HINDS (MISS.) CC Eagles

OVERVIEW: An 11-1 record last season was accomplished on the strength of a strong line-backing corp, All-America running back Lee Ragsdale and a host of talent at the skill positions. Much of the latter returns for Hinds this season. Quarterback Fred Taylor and wide receiver James Jones form one of the most potent combinations in the south.

6. NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA A&M Golden Norsemen

OVERVIEW: Eight freshmen starters helped Northeast Oklahoma to a 10-1 record last season. The strength for NEO this year will be on defense where cornerbacks Lamont Dumas (5-11, 180) and Ramon Burroughs (6-0, 175), safety Steve Ridley (6-3, 210) and linebackers Fred Perry (6-3, 220) and Buck Buxton (6-4, 250) are all I-A possibilities. NEO averages 300 pounds on the offensive line, but the biggest problem will be finding a quarterback and running back to put behind them.

7. DIXIE (UTAH) COLLEGE Rebels

OVERVIEW: Dixie finished 8-2-1, won a bowl game at home and will return five offensive starters and seven on defense. The Rebels have the best tight end in the country in Dirk Christopherson (6-7, 255) and three linebackers, whom according to coach Greg Croshaw, are as "good as I've had." The talented trio consists of Ben Ellis (6-0, 215), Naki Angilau (6-1, 240) and Kevin Bowl (6-2, 245).

8. ITAWAMBA (MISS.) Indians

OVERVIEW: Coach Jay Miller felt Itawamba (8-3) was on the verge of challenging for the national title last season. One problem. The Indians didn't have a quality quarterback. They still don't have one, but Miller believes one can be found by August. The Indians return five starters on the offensive line, two receivers (Ron Dixon and Lamont Woodberry) and one back (6-2, 240-pound Israel Thompson) in a one-back set. Three starters return on defense, led by defensive tackle Maurice Miller (6-5, 270) and linebacker Homer Torrence.

9. HUTCHINSON (KAN.) CC Dragons

OVERVIEW: Finding a defensive front, replacing a solid running game and duplicating an outstanding season by cornerback Excel Lucas are the main concerns for coach Andy Hill. Lucas, a second-team All America, had nine interceptions last season when Hutchinson finished 8-4 and lost to Mesa in the Valley of the Sun Bowl. Having lost all four defensive linemen, Hill is convinced that 6-6, 295-pound Jerome Evans will step in and help immediately.

10. MISSISSIPPI DELTA CC Trojans

OVERVIEW: Delta finished 7-3 and didn't go to a bowl game last season. However, it returns almost all of its offensive skill players. Quarterback Brantley Nichols (6-0, 190) leads Delta's run-and-shoot offense, and he will have plenty of potential of I-A players to go to in slotback Anthony Dixon and wide receivers Marcus Cade and Akim Richmond.

11. L.A. VALLEY COLLEGE Monarchs

OVERVIEW: A 10-1 record and a Southern Orange County Bowl victory didn't come without a price. Valley lost its quarterback, top receivers and parts of the offensive line. Transfer quarterback Zack Hernandez (6-0, 175) will need patience with his protection, as only two offensive linemen return. Valley runs the single-back set, and two freshmen will compete for the top spot. The linebackers are set with Troy Tuck (6-0, 216) and John Buckley (6-3, 220), who missed most of last season with a knee injury.

12. CERRITOS (CALIF.) COLLEGE Falcons

OVERVIEW: The strength for Cerritos lies on offense where quarterback Gary Tessitore and all-state running back Cory Kelley, a 1,000-yard rusher last season, return. Cerritos lost nine of 11 starters on defense. However, three defenders are considered to be some of the best at their respective spots in California: defensive ends Ryan Akina (6-6, 270), Joe Irving (6-3, 240) and linebacker Don Sams (6-4, 235).

13. GEORGIA MILITARY COLLEGE Bulldogs

OVERVIEW: After going 10-1 and failing to earn a bowl bid, there is a hunger at Georgia Military. That should be satisfied in the first game of the season, when Georgia travels to defending national champion Trinity Valley. With a new quarterback and tight end and some changes on the offensive line, the emphasis will shift to running back Eric Hendley, fullback Brian Jenkins and wide receivers Tommy Willis, Latorris Williams, Don Martin and Cornelius Bonner.

14. RICKS (IDAHO) COLLEGE Vikings

OVERVIEW: The Vikings finished 11-0 last season with a season-ending victory over Nassau in the Real Dairy Bowl. Since then, Ricks had 14 play-

ers move on to Division I-A schools. But don't think the talent is depleted. Ricks traditionally has size on both sides of the line. Three offensive linemen return, including Blaine Maxfield (6-4, 275), Keith Rigtrup (6-4, 300) and the imposing Jose Portilla (6-7, 305). New faces will dot the backfield and receiving corps, however, and the defense will be totally new. How can the Vikings be picked this high? Just watch.

15. GARDEN CITY (KAN.) CC Broncbusters

OVERVIEW: The Broncbusters return three starters on both sides of the ball after a 10-1 season. Despite being depleted, Jeff Leiker has filled the holes around some key returnees. Leiker's first concern was to go out and find a quarterback, and he snagged Nebraska transfer Jon Elder (6-2, 195). Elder bolsters a backfield that already has tailback Corey Dillon and Taywone Kingsby. Mino Marroquin (6-2, 270) is the lone returnee on the offensive line, while the two best top defenders back are linebacker Mitch Feldkamp (6-2, 225) and free safety Rodney Artmore (6-0, 205).

16. RANCHO SANTIAGO (CALIF.) COLLEGE Dons

OVERVIEW: After a 9-2 record last season and a bowl loss to L.A. Valley, Rancho returns eight starters on defense and four on offense. The task will be developing a quarterback and finding chemistry among the offensive line. Watch for strong safety Andre Holmes (6-0, 185), linebacker Jason Paciourek, defensive end Kent Miller and free safety Steve Halton.

17. COFFEYVILLE (KAN.) CC Red Ravens

OVERVIEW: Coffeyville finished a disappointing 4-5 last season but with a young team. But the youth is why Coffeyville is a good sleeper pick this year. Seven starters return on offense, and five are back on defense. Expectations are high for receiver Maurice Little (6-4, 195), fullback Kenny McCoy (5-11, 240) as well as Jeremy Longley (6-3, 265), Sammie Williams (6-5, 295) and Mike Hundley on the offensive line. Four freshmen will vie for the starting quarterback job.

18. MERCED (CALIF.) COLLEGE Blue Devils

OVERVIEW: The strength of this program has been its passing attack, and that should continue with the arrival of Boise State transfer quarterback Ronnie Caaen. He'll have deep threats in Donnie Davis (5-10, 180) and Tony Vallez (6-1, 200). For short yardage, Caaen can throw to tight end T.J. Zoriczny (6-3, 245). The problem offensively for Merced, which finished 7-4 last season and beat Sacramento City College in a bowl game, will be a complete overhaul on the offensive line and grooming a new tailback.

19. FRESNO CITY (CALIF.) COLLEGE Rams

OVERVIEW: Fresno, which boasts six bowl appearances in seven years, returns its entire offensive line as well as its top back in Frankie Sinclair, who rushed for 1,300 yards last season for the 9-2 Rams. The quarterback situation isn't settled yet, but whoever it is, he'll have four legitimate wide-receiver prospects in Marshall Byrd, Jerome Anderson, Mike Soliz and Stephon Richardson. Lephew Castleberry and Jeff Barons control a veteran secondary for a defense which returns five starters.

20. JONES COUNTY (MISS.) JC Bobcats

OVERVIEW: Jones looks to replace its quarterback and running back as well as fill in some holes in

the secondary. Quarterback Ted Ducksworth led the Bobcats to an 8-2 record last season but he's off to Samford (Ala.). Overall, Jones will have five starters back on both offense and defense. Look out for wide receiver Yahmani Adams (6-0, 175), linebacker Michael Moncrief (6-1, 240), safety Leverett Moody (6-0, 175) and defensive lineman Dave Biles (6-5, 290).

21. BLINN (TEXAS) COLLEGE Buccaneers

OVERVIEW: The talent is there for another high finish. Blinn finished 9-2 last season and returns two top tight ends (6-4, 230-pound Adrien Dudley and 6-4, 255-pound Michael Brown). The offensive line is solid with four returning starters: 6-2, 280-pound Ace Robertson, 6-4, 290-pound Albert Castillo, 6-3, 290-pound Steven Beyer and 6-2, 310-pound Milton Powell. The defense will be almost entirely new, as will some of the offensive skill positions including quarterback. Blinn was a plus-29 in turnovers last season and the opportunistic play should continue again.

22. MESA (ARIZ.) CC Thunderbirds

OVERVIEW: Mesa finished 6-4 last season but won a bowl game. The Thunderbirds return three offensive starters, a top-notch kicker in Chris Estes, who was fifth in the country last season with 65 points, and five starters on defense. Mesa coach David Rice believes two of his returning starters have NFL potential: wide receiver Daniel Jones and defensive end Anthony Collins. With seven linemen over 300 pounds, Rice is confident Mesa can make a run at a top 10 finish.

23. PALOMAR (CALIF.) COLLEGE Comets

OVERVIEW: Highly touted quarterback Chris Keldorf (6-5, 220) should flourish in Palomar's passing system. Three backs will fight for the top spot, while the offensive line will once again be one of the strongest in Southern California. Palomar (8-3) needs to shore up a depleted defensive line and will rely on Jim Burt at linebacker and Calvin Walton and Ryan Hill in the secondary.

24. LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE Vikings

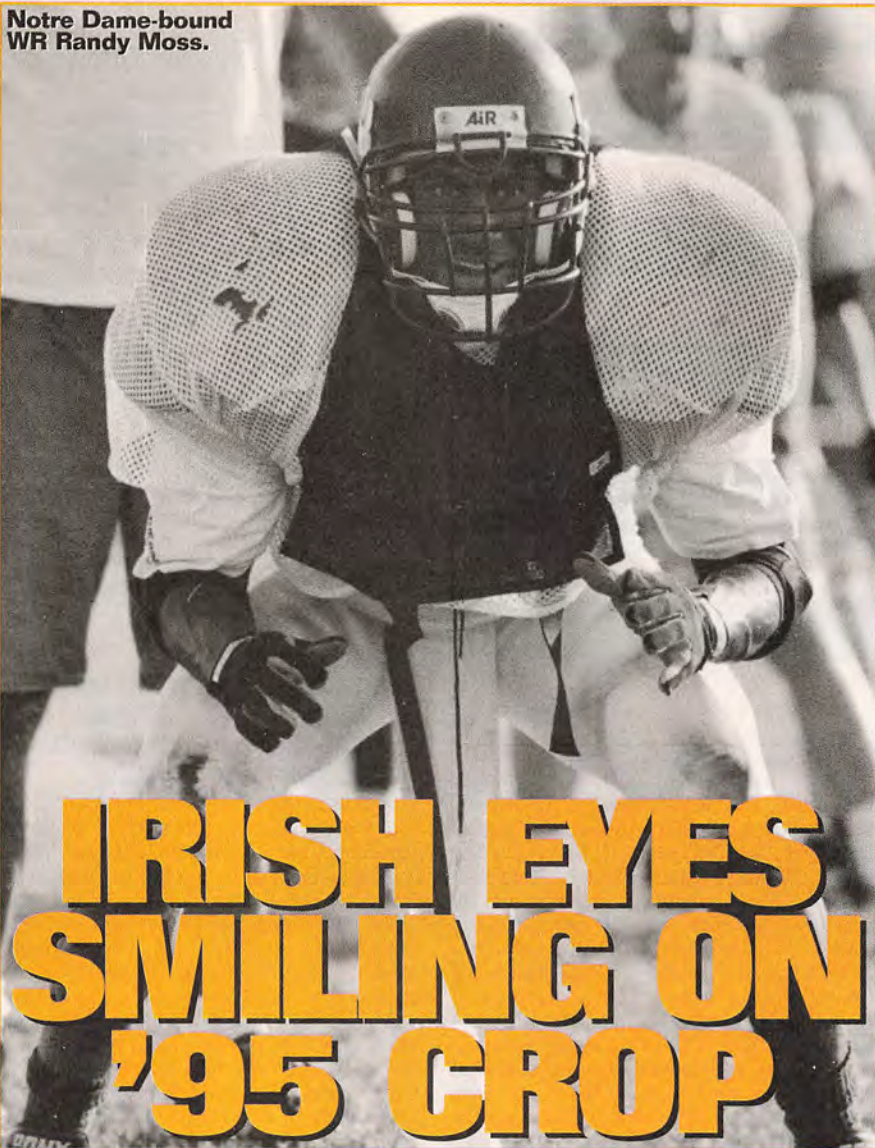
OVERVIEW: Long Beach finished 9-2 last season after beating Bakersfield in the Potato Bowl. Two receivers return as does one back and quarterback Neil Aioga (6-5, 290). Center Adam Jones (6-2, 265) also returns, but the rest of the line will likely be inexperienced. Two defensive backs and one linebacker return, but most of the defensive line has departed. The Vikings always find a way to be near the top of the Mission Conference and this season shouldn't be any different.

25. LANEY (CALIF.) COLLEGE Eagles

OVERVIEW: A 10-1 record last season will be hard to duplicate, but Laney has a chance to come close. Eleven players went I-A after last season and Laney doesn't return a single starter on offense, but six are back on defense. Key defensive personnel includes linemen Sam Falevai (6-1, 180) and George Banks (6-3, 285) as well as defensive backs Angelo Garza (6-0, 185), Brian Brazier (6-0, 175) and Tello Stell (6-0, 175). Linebackers are a concern, as is the entire offense except at running back, where Mario Washington (6-1, 195) is expected to step in and help immediately.

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**Notre Dame-bound
WR Randy Moss.**



NOTRE DAME GOES COAST-TO-COAST TO SIGN THE NATION'S NO. 1 CLASS

By BILL BUCHALTER

HOW THE CONFERENCES STACK UP

1. SEC	7. SWC
2. BIG TEN	8. INDEPENDENTS
3. BIG EIGHT	9. WAC
4. ACC	10. MID-AMERICAN
5. PAC-10	11. BIG WEST
6. BIG EAST	

Lou Holtz has a home in Bay Hill, a posh golfing arm of Orlando, Fla., and a fondness for Texas. His ability to recruit those two states provided big dividends for Notre Dame, which signed the nation's No. 1 recruiting class in 1995.

Everybody knows the Irish are a national team which recruits nationally. The facts bear

that out with four recruits from both Florida and Texas, three from Louisiana and players sprinkled liberally throughout the U.S. from Oklahoma, South Carolina, California, Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia, Mississippi, Maryland and Connecticut.

In the Irish fold are some of the largest linemen this side of the NFL. Blockers Tim Ridder of Omaha, Neb., John Wagner of Cheshire, Conn., Mike Rosenthal of Granger, Ind., and Alex Mueller of Baltimore all range from 6-foot-5 to 6-8 and average 284½ pounds. Defender Jerry Wisne of Jenks, Okla., stands 6-7 and weighs 292 pounds.

Add to this group wide receiver Randy Moss, the player of the year in West Virginia, and linebacker Korey Minor, the player of the

year in California, and you can sense the excitement in South Bend.

There's also quarterback Jarious Jackson, a 210-pounder from Tupelo, Miss., who gives Holtz a run-pass threat; fullback Jamie Spencer from Monroe, La., who packs 245 pounds on his frame; and linebacker Lamont Bryant from Choppee, S.C. All three are talents who give Holtz good reason to smile.

"There's not a guy on the list who doesn't have the potential to make a contribution next year," Holtz said. "I wish freshmen weren't eligible and I was the freshman coach."

While Notre Dame was the overall winner in recruiting, the question is which teams won their in-conference recruiting wars. Below are the winners and losers.

SEC - HOW THEY FARED

1. AUBURN	7. ALABAMA
2. FLORIDA	8. ARKANSAS
3. TENNESSEE	9. MISSISSIPPI ST.
4. GEORGIA	10. KENTUCKY
5. SOUTH CAROLINA	11. VANDERBILT
6. LSU	12. MISSISSIPPI

Auburn secured the nation's top class of linebackers and defensive backs, led by DB Martavious Houston of Lauderdale Lakes, Fla., and LB Takeo Spikes of Sandersville, Ga. Florida, with a frantic 48-hour finish, met its defensive needs with a flourish, the biggest name being DB Damian Hill of Dallas. Tennessee's class was led by a pair of Coffeyville, (Kan.) Junior College transfers who originally signed with the Vols — Leonard Little of Asheville, N.C., and Travis Cozart of Oak Ridge, Tenn. LSU did the best job of recruiting in Metro New Orleans in a decade and kept one of the nation's best runners in Kevin Faulk of Lafayette at home. The last Faulk — Marshall, of New Orleans (no relation) — got away.

BIG TEN

1. PENN STATE	7. OHIO STATE
2. ILLINOIS	8. INDIANA
3. MICHIGAN	9. PURDUE
4. WISCONSIN	10. MINNESOTA
5. IOWA	11. NORTHWESTERN
6. MICHIGAN STATE	

Penn State still enjoyed a top-five recruiting class despite losing quarterback Dan Kendra to Florida State. He committed to Penn State in December, then changed his mind in January. The Nittany Lions dominated the East and Midwest, especially at home with the likes of WR Corey Jones (Conestoga Valley, Pa.), DL Brandon Short (McKeesport, Pa.), RB Chafie Fields (Philadelphia) and FB Aaron Harris (Downingtown, Pa.). They also nabbed Ohio all-star OL Gabe Tischer of Cincinnati and DE/TE Cuncho Brown of Winston-Salem, N.C. Illinois also lost a quarterback it thought it had when Chris Redman of Louisville asked out of his grant when Greg Landry left to coach in the pros. But the Illini did sign coveted OL Mike Flaar of Oswego, Ill. Indiana got LB Bryan Bobay of Fort Wayne. Iowa kept WR Tony Collins, from Davenport, at home and lured DB Corey Hutchings from Longview, Texas, away from Miami (Fla.) and Texas.

TOP 10 RECRUITING CLASSES

SCHOOL	TOP TWO PLAYERS
1. Notre Dame	Korey Minor, LB, 6-3, 240 (LaPuente, Calif.) Randy Moss, WR, 6-5, 205 (Belle, W. Va.)
2. Auburn	Martavious Houston, DB, 6-1, 190 (Lauderdale Lakes, Fla.) Takeo Spikes, LB, 6-3, 219 (Sandersville, Ga.)
3. Florida	Bobby Sabelhaus, QB, 6-6, 225 (Dwings, Md.) Damian Hill, DB, 6-0, 175 (Dallas, Texas)
4. Florida State	Dan Kendra, QB, 6-2, 225 (Allentown, Pa.) Peter Warrick, WR, 6-1, 172 (Bradenton, Fla.)
5. Penn State	Brandon Short, DL, 6-4, 255 (McKeesport, Pa.) Chafie Fields, RB, 6-1, 190 (Philadelphia, Pa.)
6. Nebraska	Ahman Green, RB, 5-11, 196 (Omaha, Neb.) Tony Ortiz, LB, 6-3, 215 (Waterbury, Conn.)
7. Texas A&M	Brannndon Stewart, QB, 6-1, 215 (transfer from Tennessee) Toya Jones, DB, 6-3, 195 (Refugio, Texas)
8. USC	Daylon McCutcheon, DB, 5-10, 175 (LaPuente, Calif.) Mark Manskar, OL, 6-7, 244 (Canyon Country, Calif.)
9. Tennessee	Brian Darden, RB, 6-0, 190 (Vicksburg, Miss.) Leonard Little, LB, 6-3, 220 (Coffeyville, Kan., CC)
10. Syracuse	Rob Konrad, RB, 6-3, 230 (Danvers, Mass.) Kyle McIntosh, RB, 5-8, 180 (Cheshire, Conn.)

BIG EIGHT

1. NEBRASKA	5. (TIE) KANSAS
2. COLORADO	KANSAS STATE
3. OKLAHOMA	7. MISSOURI
4. OKLAHOMA ST.	8. IOWA STATE

Nebraska's national championship season got even sweeter with signees from both coasts — LB Tony Ortiz of Waterbury, Conn., and DL James Sherman of Whittier, Calif. But the big name was RB Ahman Green of Omaha, the best back in his part of the world. Colorado (No. 11) earned its ranking thanks to home-grown offensive linemen like Shane Cook of Lakewood and Corey Kish of Boulder, plus outstanding imports from California and Texas, especially DE Clyde Sanders of Sacramento, Calif., and TE Martin Simmons of Lewisville, Texas. K-State loaded up with seven Floridians, including tackle Damion McIntosh of Hollywood. The Sooners got two quarterbacks for Howard Schnellenberger in Redman and Justin Fuente of Tulsa, and Oklahoma State got one of the best two-sport athletes in America in DB/WR and basketball player Robert McQuarters, also of Tulsa. Kansas' big catch is Detroit TE Bonne Willis.

ACC

1. FLORIDA STATE	6. CLEMSON
2. NORTH CAROLINA	7. N.C. STATE (TIE)
3. DUKE (TIE)	MARYLAND
GEORGIA TECH	9. WAKE FOREST
5. VIRGINIA	

Florida State coach Bobby Bowden asked his coaches to find him some arms and some hands to balance out the 1994 class, which was defense-oriented. The responses were QBs Kendra and Dexter Jackson, a member of Florida's Super 24. They are the arms who will throw to the good-hands people — perhaps the top receiver class in the nation — led by 180-pound Peter Warrick of Bradenton, Fla., 175-pound Billy Brown of Fort

Lauderdale, Fla., Ron Dugans of Tallahassee, Fla., and junior college All-America Damian Harrell of San Francisco CC. Speedsters Dee Feaster of Rock Hill, S.C., and Jeremi Rudolph of Apopka, Fla., continue a tradition of the Seminoles recruiting one of America's fastest classes. North Carolina (No. 12) also signed one of the Midwest's top RBs in Andre Barkley of Cincinnati, plus giant DE Teto Simpson of Greenville, N.C. Duke (17th-tie) went to 12 states and Georgia Tech (17th-tie) 10 to sign full classes. Clemson (25th) signed the unusual number of 33, two who entered school early. N.C. State signed the biggest newcomer in Alex Santos, a 330-pound blocker from Hargrave Military Prep in Virginia. The ACC, excluding FSU, signed 29 Floridians, an indication of the Seminoles' league-wide influence.



Running back Kevin Faulk is staying home to play for LSU.

PAC-10

1. USC	6. WASHINGTON STATE
2. UCLA	7. OREGON
3. ARIZONA	8. CALIFORNIA
4. STANFORD	9. ARIZONA STATE
5. WASHINGTON	10. OREGON STATE

Southern Cal put together a Top 10 class by stealing towering blocker Mark Manskar of Canyon Country, Calif., from UCLA, keeping DB Marvin Powell, III — son of Trojan legend Marvin Powell Jr. — at home and attracting top receivers like Billy Miller of Westlake, Calif. The rest of the league did well, too. UCLA got consensus all-star kicker Chris Sailer from Sherman Oaks, Calif. Stanford got a big catch in 270-pound OL Mike McLaughlin of San Jose and welcomed Michigan transfer FB Jon Ritchie. Washington signed QB Brock Huard, brother of Huskies' starter Damon. Included among Arizona's haul was 305-pound JUCO all-star blocker Frank Middleton of Fort Scott (Kan.) CC.

BIG EAST

1. SYRACUSE	5. WEST VIRGINIA
2. MIAMI	6. RUTGERS
3. BOSTON COLLEGE	7. VIRGINIA TECH
4. PITTSBURGH	8. TEMPLE

Syracuse (10th) got on the recruiting scoreboard early with a commitment from All America Rob Konrad of Danvers, Mass., cementing the relationship by offering him the famed No. 44 worn by Jim Brown and Ernie Davis. The Orangemen did the best job in the East, behind only Penn State, of keeping top players living within a six-hour radius of the campus at home. BC went to Virginia for several recruits, including coveted lineman Michael Willetts of Alexandria. Pitt kept tackle Bill Craver and QB Darnell Dinkins at home, as did Rutgers with RB Gary Fauntleroy of Swedesboro, N.J. Miami, with Butch Davis coming on board late, rallied to meet its needs, adding 245-pound Nick Williams, a fullback from Detroit, and 195-pound RB Dyrall McMillan of Bradenton, Fla.

SWC

1. TEXAS A&M	5. TCU
2. BAYLOR	6. RICE
3. TEXAS	7. HOUSTON
4. TEXAS TECH	8. SMU

The Aggies were not only a Top 10 class, they were a complete one as well, adding Tennessee transfer Brannndon Stewart to their quality list. He's one of the best young quarterbacks around, and should fill in nicely for Corey Pullig come 1996. Toss in DB Toya Jones of Refugio, Texas, one of America's fastest high school football players, and RB D'Andre Hardeman of Houston, and you get the idea of the strength of this class.

Other league highlights include Northeast Oklahoma JUCO LB Donnie Embra to Baylor; 275-pound OL Keith Frierson of Deer Park, Texas, and RB Ricky Williams of San Diego, to Texas; WR Thad Bridges of Vicksburg, Miss., to Rice; DE Montae Reagor of Waxahachie, Texas, to Texas Tech; and RB John Williams of Odessa, Texas, to TCU.

INDEPENDENTS

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| 1. NOTRE DAME | 6. LOUISVILLE |
| 2. EAST CAROLINA | 7. TULSA |
| 3. TULANE | 8. NE LOUISIANA |
| 4. CINCINNATI | 9. ARMY |
| 5. SOUTHERN MISS | 10. NAVY |

After the Fighting Irish, all classes are pretty equal. Highlights include WR Troy Smith of Greenville, N.C., to East Carolina; QB Shaun King of St. Petersburg, Fla., to Tulane; QB Bo Meek of Ruston, La., to NE Louisiana; and QB Bernard Oden of Spring Hill, Tenn., to Memphis. Meanwhile, Cincinnati reached into Florida to sign seven players.

WAC

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| 1. BYU | 6. COLORADO ST. |
| 2. FRESNO STATE | 7. NEW MEXICO |
| 3. HAWAII | 8. WYOMING |
| 4. UTAH | 9. UTEP |
| 5. SAN DIEGO ST. | 10. AIR FORCE |

Great JUCO QBs came into the league, including Steve Sarkisian to BYU and Jim Arellanes to Fresno State. BYU also got one of the best passers in the West in Charlie Peterson of Bingham, Utah. Hawaii kept at home one of the most exciting newcomers in RB George Ornellas, the player of the year in Honolulu.

MID-AMERICAN

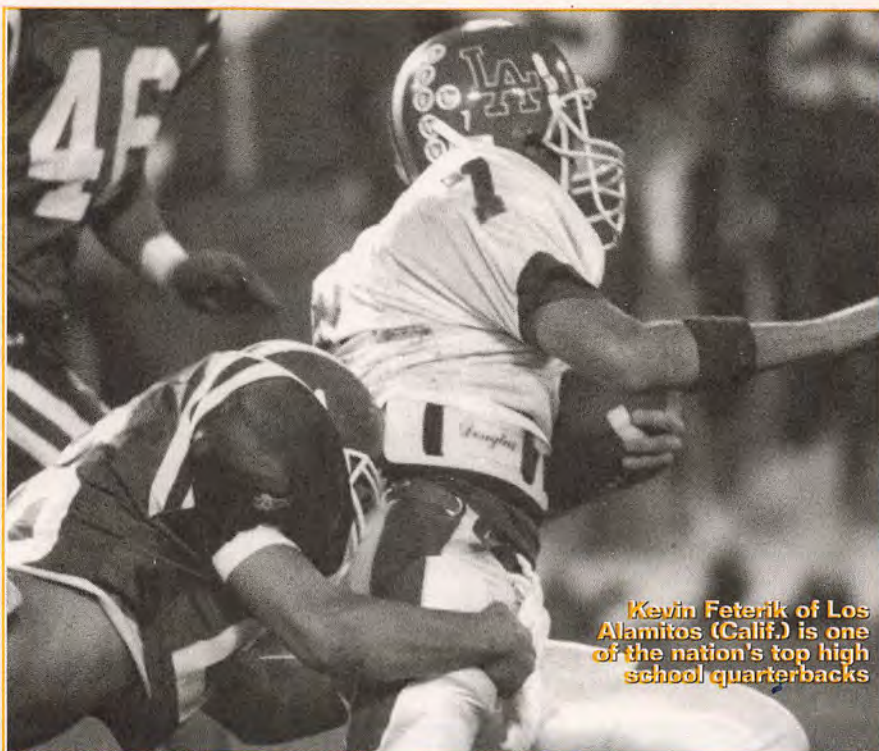
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| 1. MIAMI (OHIO) | 6. TOLEDO |
| 2. BOWLING GREEN | 7. OHIO |
| 3. WESTERN MICHIGAN | 8. KENT STATE |
| 4. BALL STATE | 9. AKRON |
| 5. CENT. MICHIGAN | 10. EAST. MICHIGAN |

The Mid-American showed some international strategies with Kent State signing four Canadians and Toledo two. The biggest names among the league newcomers include offensive lineman Chad McCarthy to Bowling Green, QB Tim Lester to Western Michigan and RB Willie Spencer to Akron.

BIG WEST

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| 1. LOUISIANA TECH | 6. UTAH STATE |
| 2. SAN JOSE STATE | 7. NEW MEXICO ST. |
| 3. SW LOUISIANA | 8. NORTHERN ILLINOIS |
| 4. UNLV | 9. NEVADA |
| 5. ARKANSAS ST. | 10. PACIFIC |

Six JUCO transfers, including highly touted running back Lee Ragsdale of Hinds, Miss., and 260-pound Otis Pitts of Bossier City, La., give Louisiana Tech a leg up on the rest of the league. San Jose State secured one of California's finest receivers in Windrell Hayes of Stockton, plus one of the most unusual recruits in 6-6 Bobby Enosa of Pago Pago in American Samoa. Other top recruits into the league include Florida Super 24 receiver Maurice Thomas of Tallahassee and linebacker Anthony Brooks, kid brother of '94 Butkus Award candidate Derrick Brooks, both to Arkansas State; running back Tony Brown of Tucson, Ariz., to Utah State; 6-7 quarterback/defensive end Chad Salisbury of Perryopolis, Pa., to New Mexico State; and LB Talence Sawyer of Bastrop, La., to UNLV.



Kevin Feterik of Los Alamitos (Calif.) is one of the nation's top high school quarterbacks

CLASS OF '96 ARRIVED AND VERY DANGEROUS

A pair of positions put out to pasture a year ago have reproduced in big numbers for 1995-96.

Oh sure, there were a handful of outstanding quarterbacks a year ago, led by Pennsylvanian-turned-Floridian Dan Kendra. There was a tight end or two as well, led by Cunchu Brown, a Tar Heel-bred athlete who went north to Penn State.

But this class features a bunch of quarterbacks and more quality tight ends than any in recent memory.

The quarterbacks come in all shapes, skills and sizes. Kevin Harvey, for example, comes in an athletic package tightly wrapped at 5-foot-11, 175 pounds.

A product of Paulsboro, N.J., Harvey's the smallest, yet perhaps the most talented athletically of a gifted group that stretches all the way to 6-6 Jason Kaspner of Eden Prairie, Minn.

"Coaches tell me he's the most talented quarterback-athlete to come out of his part of Jersey in a decade," said Phil Grosz, the highly

respected recruit from Port Matilda, Pa.

Kaspner, perhaps Minnesota's top high school prospect, is not the only towering talent in the quarterback class.

Tim Couch of Hyden, Ky., and Odell James of Aldine, Texas, are nearly 6-5. Couch is considered a Division I basketball prospect as well.

Super athlete Rashad Casey of Hoboken, N.J., and Adam Bledsoe of Yakima, Wash., are both 6-4.

Bledsoe, brother of New England Patriots' Drew, and 6-2 Tim Hasselback of Westwood, Mass., son of former Pat Don Hasselback, bring bloodlines to the position. Hasselback was an All-Boston selection with 1,489 passing yards and 18 touchdowns as a junior.

Willie Gardner (6-1, 185) of Live Oak, Fla., and Quincy Carter (6-3, 185) of Decatur, Ga., bring back pleasant memories, recruiters say, of former Heisman Trophy winner Charlie Ward.

Kevin Feterik (6-2, 195) of Los Alamitos was California's underclass player of the year and the only junior on the all-state team after

PREP RECRUITING

passing for 2,861 yards.

A year ago, tight ends were lost in the glare of the spotlight showing off speed receivers. This time, the big, burly blockers are as plentiful as the skilled receivers.

Many of these are from Dixie, including Gorman Thornton (6-5, 245) of Montgomery, Ala., Rufus French (6-5, 220) of Amory, Miss., and Dwight Edge (6-6, 220) of Apopka, Fla.

Steve Coughlin (6-5, 210) of Ansonia, Conn., is one of the most versatile of all athletes playing the position. He can play wide receiver, tight end, defensive secondary and even split his season at quarterback. No, coaches haven't figured a way he can throw the pass to himself... yet!

As usual, runners are plentiful though perhaps not as well known as last year's crop. The most athletic of all the backs may be DeAngelo Evans from Wichita, Kan. He rushed for 2,620 yards and 37 touchdowns as a junior and already owns the state career rushing record with 7,487 yards.

He also averaged more than 20 points per game in basketball and is the state 100-meter dash champion (10.6 seconds).

Like the quarterbacks, the runners come in all shapes, sizes and speed — usually fast. The biggest is fullback Cedric Jones of Altus, Okla., who stands 6-3 and weighs 235 pounds.

The smallest are Darren Davis, who led Miami Southridge to 29 consecutive victories before losing in Florida's Class 6A championship game, and Darryl Bush, who rushed for 2,000 yards for Jersey Village in Houston. Both are 5-9 and 175, give or take a pound.

The best name belongs to Patrick Pass from Tucker, Ga., who was a quarterback before becoming an All-Southern pick. The most versatile perhaps is Durrell Price of Sylmar, Calif., who rushed for 2,000 yards and was credited with 100 tackles as a linebacker.

Two of the fastest high school football players in America are defensive backs — Dwayne Goodrich of Oak Lawn, Ill., and Joe Dawkins of Hackensack, N.J. Track & Field News' annual high school report lists Goodrich at 10.4 seconds hand-timed for 100 meters. Dawkins ran 10.68 fully automatic.

Other top defensive backs include Mike Burden of Palatine, Ill., Ian McIntosh of Cheshire, Conn. — who is reportedly better than his Syracuse-bound brother, Kyle — and William Neely of Abington, Pa.

If the skilled players seem to be getting faster, then the guys in the trenches also appear to be getting bigger. And how!

The average of the top dozen blockers would come out to slightly taller than 6-5 and 284

pounds. The tallest is Brad Barnes of Tabb, Va., an All-Tidewater pick who stands 6-7. The heaviest is Alcender Jackson of Moss Point, Miss., who weighs 320. Perhaps the most celebrated is 300-pound Jefferson Kelly of Cincinnati, who earned all-Ohio honors as a junior.

The defenders are a slender but swift bunch, including a pair of 6-7 pass rushers in 255-pound Derrion Yates of Houston and 240-pound Robaire Smith of Flint, Mich. The most celebrated defender may be Jesse Warren (6-6, 255), who hails from the famous football factory of Carter High in Dallas, Texas.

The linebackers include a Chris Spielman clone from Ohio: 6-4, 240-pound Andy Katzenmoyer of Westerville South; Miami Northwestern's finest linebacker since the New York Jets' Marvin Jones: 6-1, 215-pound Nathaniel Webster; the son of a former NFL star: 6-3, 215-pound Cullen Bryant Jr. of Germantown, Tenn.; and a Texan who is tougher to block than his name is to pronounce or spell: 6-0, 235-pound Aisali Faapouli of Killeen.

Miami Northwestern coach Willie Goldsmith insists Webster's "better than Marvin at the same state of their development."

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TOP 100 H.S. SENIORS

PLAYER/POSITION	HT./WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	PLAYER/POSITION	HT./WT.	HIGH SCHOOL
David Alcala/DL	6-3/265	Quincy, Wash.	Earl Haniford/QB	6-3/210	Martinsville Ind.
Darrell Arceneaux/QB	6-2/178	Honolulu, St. Louis	Kevin Harvey/Athlete	5-11/175	Paulsboro, N.J.
Jeff Backus/DL	6-2/270	Norcross, Ga.	Tim Hasselback/QB	6-2/195	Westwood, Mass., Xaverian
Brad Barnes/DL	6-7/265	Tabb, Va.	Tony Ippolito/DL	6-4/280	Stockton Calif., Lincoln
Shannon Bazzell/LB	6-2/190	Lewisville, Texas	Sedrick Irvin/FB	5-11/210	Miami, Fla., Senior
Jonathan Beasley/QB	6-2/185	Glendale, Ariz., Cactus	Alcender Jackson/DL	6-4/320	Moss Point, Miss.
Jevon Bell/DB	6-0/205	Pinole Valley, Calif.	Enos Jackson/DL	6-4/245	Fort Worth, Texas, Wyatt
Tyrese Benning/DL	6-5/285	Buffalo, N.Y., Turner-Carroll	Odell James/QB	6-4/205	Aldine, Texas, McArthur
Brandon Berg/DB	6-1/175	Abilene, Texas, Cooper	Cedric Jones/FB	6-3/235	Altus, Okla.
Carlton Bexley/LB	6-1/245	Carrollton, Ga.	Jason Kaspner/QB	6-6/210	Eden Prairie, Minn.
Jim Blanchard/QB	6-1/185	Grants Pass, Ore.	Andy Katzenmoyer/LB	6-4/240	Westerville, Ohio, South
Chris Blank/DL	6-6/245	Sewell, N.J., Wash. Township	Jefferson Kelly/DL	6-6/300	Cincinnati, Ohio, Colerain
Adam Blesdoe/QB	6-4/205	Yakima, Wash., Eisenhower	Robert Kemford/RB	6-1/185	Maui
Billy Brann/DL	6-4/265	Blue Springs, Mo., South	Jarred Lampe/LB	6-4/225	Paduach, Ky., Lone Oak
Courtney Brown/DL	6-2/240	Moncks Corner, S.C., Macedonia	Mal Lawyer/WR	5-11/175	Berkeley, S.C.
Ralph Brown/DB	5-11/175	LaPuente, Calif., Bishop Amat	Shawn McCorkle/DB	6-0/175	Dothan, Ala., Northview
Cullen Bryant Jr/LB	6-3/215	Germantown, Tenn., Houston	Ian McIntosh/DB	5-11/170	Cheshire, Conn.
Mike Burden/LB	6-2/210	Palatine, Ill.	Jon Mueyes/DB	6-3/185	Lilburn, Ga., Parkview
Darryl Bush/RB	5-9/175	Houston, Jersey Village	William Neely/DB	6-3/190	Abington, Pa.
Daymon Carroll/DB	5-10/175	Norristown, Pa.	Raki Nelson/WR	6-1/170	Harrisburg, Pa., Bishop McDevitt
Neil Carroll/DL	6-6/280	Chicago, St. Patrick's	Dan O'Leary/TE	6-5/228	Cleveland, St. Ignatius
Quincy Carter/QB	6-3/185	Decatur, Ga., SW DeKalb	Darryl Owens/LB	6-0/210	Jackson, Miss., Province
Rashad Casey/QB	6-4/190	Hoboken, N.J.	Patrick Pass/RB	6-0/195	Decatur, Ga., Tucker
Damian Chaubet/LB	6-4/220	Indianapolis, Warren Central	Titcus Pettigrew/WR	6-2/180	Clemmons, N.C., West Forsyth
Chris Claiborne/LB	6-3/225	Riverside, Calif., North	Jeremiah Pharms/LB	6-3/220	Sacramento, Calif., Valley
Cecil Collins/RB	5-10/190	Leesville, La.	James Pitts/LB	6-1/245	Phenix City, Ala., Central
LaCorry Collins/WR	6-3/190	Oakland, Calif., Skyline	David Plentyhawk/DL	6-5/260	Riverside, Calif., Norte Vista
Tim Couch/QB	6-4/205	Hyden, Ky., Leslie Co.	Durrell Price/RB	6-1/205	Sylmar, Calif.
Steve Coughlin/WR	6-5/210	Ansonia, Conn.	Ketric Sanford/RB	5-10/200	Corsicana, Texas
Jacki Crooks/RB	5-10/175	Union City, Calif., Logan	Paul Schiffer/DL	6-4/305	La Mesa, Calif., Helix
Carlos Crumity/DL	6-5/275	Monticello, Fla., Jefferson Co.	Robaire Smith/DE	6-7/240	Flint, Mich., Northern
Brian Daniels/DB	6-1/195	Ada, Okla.	Mike Solowod/TE	6-2/235	Hardland, Wisc., Arrowhead
Darren Davis/RB	5-9/175	Miami, Fla., Southridge	William Spearman/WR	6-2/185	Camden, N.J., Woodrow Wilson
Kenneth Davis/WR	6-0/190	Houston, Washington	Jeremiah Spurling/DL	6-6/265	Greenwood, Ind., Center Grove
Sean Davis/QB	6-0/190	Lakewood, Colo., Bear Creek	Darrell Streeter/DL	6-3/260	St. Louis, McGluer
Joe Dawkins/DB	6-0/190	Hackensack, N.J.	Marcus Stroud/DL	6-6/250	Quitman, Ga., Brooks Co.
Dwight Edge/TE	6-6/220	Apopka, Fla.	Marques Sullivan/DL	6-6/300	Chicago, Fenwick
DeAngelo Evans/RB	5-10/195	Wichita, Kan., Collegiate	Paul Tannous/DL	6-5/287	Houston, Cypress Creek
Aisali Faapouli/LB	6-0/235	Killeen, Texas	Jim Telesmanich/DL	6-3/245	Oradell, N.J., Bergen Catholic
Lorenzo Ferguson/DB	6-2/175	Chesapeake, Va., Western Branch	Chris Thierry/LB	6-3/212	Baytown, Texas, Lee
Kevin Feterik/QB	6-2/195	Los Alamitos, Calif.	Gorman Thornton/TE	6-5/245	Montgomery, Ala.
Rufus French/TE	6-5/220	Amory, Miss.	Isiah Walker/DL	6-2/300	Hialeah, Fla., American
U.L. Frketch/DL	6-3/260	Newburg, Ore.	Chad Ward/DL	6-6/310	Riverview, Wash.
Willie Gardner/QB	6-1/185	Live Oak, Fla., Suwanee	Jesse Warren/DL	6-6/255	Dallas, Carter
Demond Gibson/DL	6-3/303	Penn Hills, Pa.	Chris Watkins/DL	6-4/270	Gilbert, Ariz., Highland
John Gibson/DB	6-0/175	Papillon-Vista, Neb.	Nathaniel Webster/LB	6-1/215	Miami, Fla., Northwestern
Nick Goings/RB	5-11/197	Dublin Ohio	Brian Wiley/DL	6-4/286	Conway Ark.
Bernard Gooden/DL	6-3/288	Bradenton, Fla., Manatee	Brad Williams/DE	6-6/240	Santa Ana, Calif., Mater Dei
Dwayne Goodrich/DB	6-0/175	Oak Lawn, Ill., Richards	Derrion Yates/DL	6-7/255	Houston, Washington
Shedrick Gurley/DE	6-3/235	Tallahassee, Fla., Godby	Zac Zedalis/DL	6-3/275	Alachua, Fla., Santa Fe

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READERSHIP

1. How much time have you spent reading or looking through your copy of BOB GRIESE'S COLLEGE FOOTBALL YEARBOOK?

- ☐ Less than 1 hour ☐ 1-3 hours ☐ 3+ hours

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Male _____ Female _____

3. Which of the following other preseason sports annuals do you read regularly (3 out of 4 years)? Please check all that apply.

- ☐ Street & Smith ☐ The Sporting News ☐ Lindy's
☐ Athlon ☐ Peterson's ☐ None of these

4. Which of the following sports magazines do you read regularly (that is, 3 out of 4 issues)? Please check all that apply.

- ☐ College Sports ☐ The Sporting News ☐ Sport
☐ Inside Sports ☐ Sports Illustrated ☐ None of these

5. Which of the following non-sports magazines do you read regularly (that is, 3 out of 4 issues)? Please check all that apply.

- ☐ Business Week ☐ Money ☐ Road & Track
☐ Car & Driver ☐ Motor Trend ☐ Rolling Stone
☐ Consumer Reports ☐ Newsweek ☐ Time
☐ Family Life ☐ New Yorker ☐ US News
☐ Men's Health ☐ People ☐ Playboy
☐ Men's Journal

Other: _____ (please specify)

ACTIVITIES

1a. Which of the following sports do you participate in regularly? (Please check all that apply.)

- ☐ Baseball ☐ Hockey ☐ Basketball
☐ Running/Jogging ☐ Boating/Sailing ☐ Soccer
☐ Cycling ☐ Softball ☐ Mountain biking
☐ Swimming ☐ Football ☐ Tennis
☐ Golf ☐ Walking ☐ Hiking

Other: _____ (please specify)

2a. Which of the following college and professional games or events do you attend? (Please check all that apply.)

	COLLEGE	PRO	NO. ATTENDED		COLLEGE	PRO	NO. ATTENDED
Baseball.....	☐	☐	_____	Track & Field.....	☐	☐	_____
Basketball.....	☐	☐	_____	Soccer.....	☐	☐	_____
Football.....	☐	☐	_____	Softball.....	☐	☐	_____
Golf.....	☐	☐	_____	Swimming.....	☐	☐	_____
Hockey.....	☐	☐	_____	Tennis.....	☐	☐	_____

Other: _____ (please specify)

3. During the past 12 months, how many domestic round trip airline flights did you or other members of your household take? (If none, please write in "0")

for business trips
for pleasure trips
Total trips

4a. Do you collect sports trading cards? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4b. "If yes", which sports do you collect?

- ☐ Baseball ☐ Basketball ☐ Football ☐ Hockey

Other: _____ (please specify)

YOUR HOME

1. Which of the following best describes the main residence of your household? (Please check all that apply.)

- OWNED BY SELF OR OTHER HOUSEHOLD MEMBER: ☐ House ☐ Condominium ☐ Cooperative Apartment ☐ Other: _____ (please specify)
RENTED: ☐ House ☐ Apartment ☐ Other: _____ (please specify)

2. If you or other household members own your main residence, what is its approximate present market value, including land?

- ☐ Under \$75,000 ☐ \$75,000-\$99,999 ☐ \$200,000-\$249,999 ☐ \$250,000-\$299,999 ☐ \$750,000 or more
If \$750,000 or more, _____

- ☐ \$100,000-\$124,999 ☐ \$300,000-\$399,999 ☐ \$400,000-\$499,000 ☐ \$500,000-\$749,999
☐ \$125,000-\$149,000 ☐ \$150,000-\$199,000
approximate value: \$ _____

BEVERAGES

1. In column A, please indicate which of the following beverages, if any, you personally drink. In column B, for those beverages you drink, please indicate how many times you drink it in an average month. In column C, for each type of beverage you personally drink, please indicate whether you normally order that beverage by brand when drinking it outside the home. (Check all that apply in each column.)

	A	B	C		A	B	C
	DRINK	NO. TIMES	ORDER BY BRAND		DRINK	NO. TIMES	ORDER BY BRAND
Soft Drinks	☐	_____	☐	Rum	☐	_____	☐
Sports Drinks	☐	_____	☐	Tequila	☐	_____	☐
Bottled Water	☐	_____	☐	Brandy/Cognac	☐	_____	☐
Bourbon	☐	_____	☐	Cordials/Liqueurs	☐	_____	☐
Rye Whiskey	☐	_____	☐	Imported Wine	☐	_____	☐
Canadian Whiskey	☐	_____	☐	Domestic Wine	☐	_____	☐
Irish Whiskey	☐	_____	☐	Imported Beer	☐	_____	☐
Scotch	☐	_____	☐	Domestic Beer	☐	_____	☐
Vodka	☐	_____	☐	Non-Alcohol or LowAlcohol Beer	☐	_____	☐
Gin	☐	_____	☐				
Other	☐	_____	☐				

ABOUT YOU

1. Are you male or female? ☐ Male ☐ Female

2. Please indicate your age.

- ☐ Under 18 ☐ 25-34 ☐ 45-54
☐ 18-24 ☐ 35-44 ☐ 55 or over

3. What is your marital status?

- ☐ Married ☐ Widowed
☐ Single (never married) ☐ Separated or divorced

4. How many members are there in your household within each of the following age groups including yourself? (If none, please write "0.")

NUMBER OF ADULTS (18 years or over)
NUMBER OF CHILDREN:
12-17 years old
6-11 years old
Under 6 years old
Total household members: _____

5. What is the highest level of education you have completed to date? (Please check only one.)

- ☐ Some high school or less ☐ Attended 4-yr. college w/o degree
☐ High school graduate ☐ Graduated from 4-yr. college
☐ Attended 2 yr. college w/o degree ☐ Post-graduate study without degree
☐ Graduated from 2-yr. college ☐ Post-graduate study with degree

6. What is your current employment status? (Please check only one.)

- ☐ Self-employed ☐ Employed part-time ☐ Other
☐ Employed full-time ☐ Student

7. If you are currently employed, what is your title or position? (Please be specific, e.g., partner, vice president, office manager, sales manager, salesman, teacher, doctor, lawyer, etc.)

8. Please check the box that describes your total individual employment income in 1994, before taxes. (Please include all income related to your employment such as salary, bonuses, share of profits, etc., but do not include other income such as investment income, interest, rentals, etc. or income from other family members.)

- ☐ None ☐ \$35,000-\$49,999 ☐ \$100,000-\$199,999
☐ Under \$25,000. ☐ \$50,000-\$74,999 ☐ \$200,000 or more
☐ \$25,000-\$34,999 ☐ \$75,000-\$99,999

9. Please indicate your 1994 total household income before taxes. Please include all income for all family members and include all sources (salary bonuses, investment income, rents, royalties, etc.)

- ☐ Under \$30,000 ☐ \$60,000-\$69,999 ☐ \$150,000-\$249,999
☐ \$30,000-\$39,999 ☐ \$70,000-\$79,999 ☐ \$250,000-\$499,999
☐ \$40,000-\$49,999 ☐ \$80,000-\$99,999 ☐ \$500,000-\$999,999
☐ \$50,000-\$59,999 ☐ \$100,000-\$149,999 ☐ \$1,000,000 or more

MICHIGAN Wolverines

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Buckeyes in Ann Arbor.

OFFENSE: Michigan must replace its No. 2 career passing and rushing yardage leaders. Quarterback Todd Collins (5,858 yards) and tailback Tyrone Wheatley (4,178 yards) are off to the NFL. Filling in for an injured Wheatley part of the season, Tim Biakabutuka rushed for 783 yards last year, so the Wolverines shouldn't miss a beat in the backfield. Biakabutuka will battle senior Ed Davis for the starting job. Davis averaged two yards less per carry last season but had an excellent spring practice.

Redshirt freshman Scott Dreisbach leads sophomores Scot Loeffler and Brian Griesse in the chase to replace Collins, but all three are inexperienced.

"I don't want to make a quarterback decision in the spring just to make one," Moeller said before his resignation. "The competition could roll into the fall."

Fifth-year senior Jason Carr has an outside chance at the job, but he has thrown just 14 passes in his collegiate career. The lucky quarterback will have three outstanding targets in wideouts Amani Toomer (54 catches, 1,096 yards) and Mercury Hayes (36 catches, 589 yards) and tight end Jay Riemersma (33 catches, 336 yards). The problem comes both at fullback, where inside linebacker convert George Howell is the favorite, and with offensive line continuity. Three projected starters — Jon Runyan, Rod Payne and Mike Sullivan — missed all or part of spring practice.

DEFENSE: Four of the top five tacklers are back, but leading tackler Steve Morrison (128 tackles) graduated and will be missed at inside linebacker. Cornerback Ty Law and outside linebacker Matt Dyson are two more impact players who must be replaced.

"We have a lot of young defensive football players," said Moeller, "but we have a couple veterans in [linemen] Jason Horn and Trent Zenkewicz that I expect good things from. It is going to be a young team, but we're going to make those guys aggressive."

Jarrett Irons is the leading returning tackler with 115, and Horn and Zenkewicz were the top pass rushers with 11 sacks combined. Breaking in two new cornerbacks and stopping the big pass plays that cost Michigan dearly in 1994 are the primary needs. **SPECIAL TEAMS:** Junior Remy Hamilton set a Big Ten record with 24 field goals and only missed five, but Craig Baker averaged only 34.9 yards per punt.

RECRUITING: Michigan got four defensive linemen and cornerbacks to address depth needs at those positions, but didn't get the fullback they coveted. Recruit Aaron Shea will move from tight end to fullback to fill the void. Defensive backs Charles Woodson and Daydrion Taylor could get quick playing time, and David Bowens is the fastest inside linebacker Michigan has ever recruited.

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USC Trojans

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OFFENSE: Robinson's aim is to restore the running game as a major force. The Trojans, second in Pac-10 passing offense, were only seventh in rush-

ing last year in spite of the strong showing of the 225-pound Walters (976 yards, 5.1 average), but Robinson expects Walters to have a major impact this season.

"Walters has become an outstanding physical runner. He can attack, break tackles and make consistent gains as well," Robinson said.

Delon Washington, LaVale Woods, Rodney Sermons, Leonard Green and David Dotson are also proven tailbacks.

Of Wachholtz, a senior with nine games of experience, and Otton, a junior who passed for 787 yards in '94 and was 2-0 as a starter, Robinson said: "Both have outstanding potential and are very competitive."

Johnson (66 catches, 1,362 yards, nine touchdowns) is "as good a wide receiver as I've ever been around," Robinson said. No shrinking violet, Johnson already has made known his interest in the Heisman Trophy, a national championship and then becoming the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft.

Three starters in the offensive line — guard Chris Brymer, tackle Norberto Garrido and center Jeremy Hogue — return, with John Michaels given first crack at Boselli's vacant tackle spot.

DEFENSE: The Trojans were eighth against the run in the Pac-10, giving up 4.2 yards per carry and 172.1 per game. Overall defensively, they ranked seventh; they'll need to improve dramatically to challenge for any titles.

Anchoring the defense are strong safety Sammy Knight and corner Brian Kelly. "Knight is one of our defensive leaders," Robinson said. "Kelly really had an outstanding freshman season. He has all the skills of a great cornerback."

Eric Herrin, a former Marine, is expected to make a big impact at linebacker. Converted safety Scott Fields is ready at the other starting job. "Herrin is a dynamic player," Robinson said. "Fields has played a lot of positions at USC [tailback, safety] but we've finally found the perfect spot for him at linebacker."

SPECIAL TEAMS: John Stonehouse (44.1) was second-team All-Pac-10 in '94 and has a shot at being USC's first All-America punter. Redshirt freshman Adam Abrams, brother of Stanford kicker Eric Abrams, is the new placekicker.

RECRUITING: The biggest name in a tremendous class is two-way back Daylon McCutcheon, the son of former Ram great Lawrence McCutcheon. Two quarterbacks come highly rated, John Fox and Quincy Woods. Homegrown talents Tony Griffin and Billy Miller are prize wideouts, and USC landed its customary host of offensive linemen. Key defensive signees were linebacker Mark Cusano and Marvin Powell III, son of former All-Pro NFL tackle Marvin Powell.

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UCLA Bruins

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Shah and Jordan, both All-America candidates.

Jordan was a third-team All America in '94, his 1,228 yards receiving second in Pac-10 history and his 73 catches fourth in league annals. Shah, who rushed for 1,227 yards as a sophomore, was fifth on UCLA's all-time single-season rushing list. He gets strong support at tailback from junior Skip Hicks, who made it back late in the season from a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee.

Ogden (6-foot-8, 315 pounds) joins fellow seniors Flanagan, Matt Soenksen and James Christensen and sophomore Chad Overhauser in

one of the most versatile and talented offensive lines in the Pac-10.

DEFENSE: The good news is nine starters return. The bad news is they didn't have much success stopping people in '94.

All-America linebacker candidate Donnie Edwards leads a veteran defense that absorbed its share of bruises last season, finishing ninth overall in the conference with an average yield per game of 407.2 yards.

"Donnie Edwards is as good and as versatile an outside linebacker as there is in the country," Donahue said. "He and Phillip Ward give us an outstanding tandem at this position." Ward and Edwards combined for 17 sacks (Edwards had 12½), 49 tackles last season.

This could be the year Travis Kirschke busts out in support of seniors George Kase, Grady Stretz and Gary Walton up front. Sophomores Jeff Ruckman and Brian Willmer should move in at inside linebacker to complement Edwards, who led the Pac-10 with 21 tackles for losses, one shy of Marcus Patton's school record, and ranked second in the Pac-10 with 12.5 sacks, half a sack shy of Cornell Lake's school record.

The experienced secondary is led by senior corner Teddy Lawrence and junior safeties Abdul McCullough and Paul Guidry.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Bjorn Merten didn't measure up to the standards he set as a freshman sensation in '93, but he's converted 33 of 47 field-goal attempts in his two seasons. All-America punter Darren Schager must be replaced, with junior Justin Sogoian the leading candidate. Guidry returns as the punt returner. Freshman Ryan Roques could help as the kick returner.

RECRUITING: A good, if not great, class. Cheyane Caldwell could have an immediate impact at inside linebacker or at fullback. Michael Wiley is another who could hit quickly at linebacker. Top offensive prospects are in-state wideouts Brad Melsby and Ryan Roques, along with Cade McNown of West Linn, Oregon, the lone QB recruit. Chris Sailer was judged the nation's best kicking prospect.

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FLORIDA STATE Seminoles

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Conference in total offense (2,654 yards).

"I believe in my heart that Danny has turned the corner," FSU offensive coordinator Mark Richt said. "Now I feel like we don't have to babysit him anymore."

FSU returns four of five starters on the offensive line, anchored by center Clay Shiver, a three-year starter and Outland Trophy candidate. The 1-2 tailback punch of Warrick Dunn and Rock Preston could be the nation's most explosive. Dunn became the program's fifth 1,000-yard rusher and Preston added 587 yards and nine touchdowns.

The Seminoles must replace the program's second all-time leading receiver in Kez McCorvey, but the quartet of Andre Cooper, E.G. Green, Wayne Messam and Phillip Riley, also the NCAA's reigning indoor hurdles champion, combined for 65 catches last year.

DEFENSE: All-ACC selections Derrick Alexander, Devin Bush, Derrick Brooks and

Clifton Abraham are gone, but the Seminoles return five starters from a unit that allowed just two rushing touchdowns over the last six games. As usual, FSU's strength will be its linebackers and defensive line.

"We've had a defense here for the last few years capable of stopping just about any offense," Bowden said, "one that made big plays and had players step up at crucial times. I think just how well our defense jells will determine how things go this season."

Todd Rebol and Daryl Bush, who led the Seminoles with 83 tackles, lead FSU up the middle at linebacker. Sam Cowart gives FSU speed and athleticism on the outside.

Defensive end Reinard Wilson had 11 sacks last season, and 16 different players recorded sacks. Orpheus Royce earned the team's Most Dominating Performer award during spring drills. The Seminoles secondary, which has produced an All-America cornerback in each of the last five years, must replace three starters.

SPECIALISTS: Junior Scott Bentley, who lost his starting position in midseason to Dan Mowrey, looks to regain his form. Bentley made four of seven field-goal attempts and 25 of 27 extra-point tries. Sean Liss returns at punter after averaging 38.4 yards last season.

The Seminoles have a bevy of candidates for kick returns, including returnees James Colzie, Preston and Riley. Colzie was fourth in the ACC in punt returns with a 9.1 yard average, while Preston averaged 22.9 yards per kickoff return.

RECRUITING: Bowden came through with a consensus Top 5 class, including Allentown, Pa. standout Dan Kendra, who should be the quarterback of the future. Other top prizes include wide receiver Peter Warrick, quarterback Dexter Jackson and running back Jeremi Rudolph.

Walter Jones was rated one of the top JUCO offensive linemen.

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NORTH CAROLINA Tar Heels

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the San Diego Padres, doubles as the Tar Heels' punter.

Noted for its rushing attack, UNC should prosper with Johnson, who is already 12th on the program's all-time rushing list with 1,817 yards in just two seasons. No Tar Heel has ever scored as many times in his first two seasons as Johnson (26 TDs, 160 points). Without fellow tailback Curtis Johnson, who gained 721 yards on 146 carries while splitting time with Leon last season, the work load falls squarely onto Leon's shoulders.

The Tar Heels also have two capable receivers in Wall and Octavius Barnes. Last year, Wall had 29 receptions, ranked third in the nation in kickoff returns and accounted for 13 touchdowns. Barnes was UNC's leading receiver with 32 catches and 609 yards — a single-season ACC freshman record.

The offensive line is anchored by returnees Byron Thomas at left tackle, Jerness Gethers at left guard and Mike Hobgood at right guard.

DEFENSE: Jones led the Tar Heels in nearly every defensive category last season, highlighted by 12.5 tackles for losses and eight sacks (second in the ACC), and was a third-team All

America. With defensive tackle Greg Black having declared early for the NFL draft, the Tar Heels will need Jones' leadership as the other three returning defensive starters are in the secondary—strong safety Sean Boyd, free safety Eric Thomas and cornerback Fuzzy Lee. Boyd has started the last 25 games and has six career interceptions.

At linebacker last season, Mike Morton, Kerry Hook and Eddie Mason were the team's top-three tacklers and will be hard to replace, as will three of the starting four linemen lost. Players who could fill in some holes include linebacker James Hamilton (59 tackles) and linemen Andre Purvis, Nate Hobgood-Chittick and Russell Davis.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Thomas averaged 39.4 yards per punt last year and showed signs of the form that made him a first-team All-ACC selection in 1992. Placekicker Tripp Pignetti, the third-leading scorer in UNC history, graduated leaving senior Scott Caparellie, who handled most of the kickoff duties, and junior Chris Welch in a battle for kicking responsibilities. Wall led the ACC in kick-return average and was third in all-purpose yardage behind teammate Johnson and Duke's Robert Baldwin.

RECRUITING: Coach Brown's decision to stay at UNC led to a highly rated recruiting class. Almost half of Brown's recruits were in-state, including prize product Jason Peace of Durham, rated the top passer in the state last fall and the likely heir to Thomas' throne down the road. Other key recruits include tight end Ebenezer Ekuban and offensive lineman Ryan Carfley.

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STATISTICAL LEADERS '94

ALL-PURPOSE YARDAGE

Name, school, class	Pos.	Games	Rush	Rec.	PR	KOR	Yds.*	Yds./G
1. Rashaan Salaam, Colorado, Jr.	TB	11	2055	294	0	0	2349	213.55
2. Brian Pruitt, Cent. Michigan, Sr.	TB	11	1890	69	0	330	2289	208.09
3. Andre Davis, TCU, Jr. ‡	TB	11	1494	522	0	229	1826	183.27
4. Napoleon Kaufman, Wash. St.	TB	11	1390	199	8	229	1826	166.00
5. Ki-Jana Carter, Penn State, Jr.	TB	11	1539	123	0	81	1743	158.45
6. Chris Darkins, Minnesota, Jr. ‡	TB	11	1443	299	0	0	1742	158.36
7. Lawrence Phillips, Nebraska, So. ‡	TB	12	1722	172	0	0	1894	157.83
8. Terrell Fletcher, Wisconsin, Sr.	HB	11	1235	172	0	314	1721	156.45
9. Alex Van Dyke, Nevada, Jr. ‡	WR	11	1	1246	5	451	1703	154.82
10. Terrell Willis, Rutgers, So. ‡	RB	11	1080	71	0	546	1697	154.27
11. J.J. Smith, Kansas State, Jr. ‡	RB	11	1073	275	0	296	1644	149.45
12. Alex Smith, Indiana, Fr. ‡	TB	11	1475	115	0	0	1590	144.55
13. Jim Vaccaro, W. Mich., Jr. ‡	TB	11	910	415	69	151	1545	140.45
14. Winslow Oliver, N. Mex., Jr. ‡	TB	9	706	198	55	298	1257	139.67
15. Steve Clay, E. Michigan, Jr. ‡	WR	11	7	589	278	652	1526	138.73

* Includes interception return yards

PASSING-EFFICIENCY

Name, school, class	G	Att.-Comp.	Comp. Perc.	Int.	Yards	TD	Rating
1. Kerry Collins, Penn State, Sr.	11	264-176	66.87	7	2679	21	172.9
2. Terry Dean, Florida, Sr.	10	180-109	60.56	10	1492	20	155.7
3. Jay Barker, Alabama, Sr.	12	226-139	61.50	5	1996	14	151.7
4. Danny Wuorffel, Florida, So. ‡	9	212-132	62.26	9	1754	18	151.3
5. Rob Johnson, Southern Cal., Sr.	11	255-170	66.67	6	2210	12	150.3
6. Mike McCoy, Utah, Sr.	11	381-247	64.83	11	3035	28	150.2
7. (tie) Max Knake, TCU, Jr. ‡	11	316-184	58.23	7	2624	24	148.6
7. (tie) Steve Stenstrom, Stanford, Sr.	9	333-217	65.17	6	2822	16	148.6
7. (tie) Todd Collins, Michigan, Sr.	11	264-172	65.15	7	2356	11	148.6
10. Ryan Henry, Bowl. Green, Sr. ‡	11	293-174	59.39	11	2368	25	147.9
11. Kordell Stewart, Colorado, Sr.	11	237-147	62.03	3	2071	10	146.8
12. John Gustin, Wyoming, Sr.	12	306-181	59.15	13	2757	17	144.7
13. Mike Groh, Virginia, Jr. ‡	11	216-138	63.89	7	1711	13	143.8
14. Scott Milanovich, Md., Jr. ‡	11	333-229	68.77	9	2394	20	143.6
15. John Walsh, BYU, Jr.	12	463-284	61.34	14	3712	29	143.3

PASSING-YARDS

Name, school, class	G	Att.-Comp.	Int.	Pct.	Yards	TD
1. John Walsh, BYU, Jr.	12	463-284	14	61.3	3712	29
2. Mike Maxwell, Nevada, Jr. ‡	11	447-271	15	60.6	3537	29
3. Eric Zeier, Georgia, Sr.	11	433-259	14	59.8	3396	24
4. Stoney Case, New Mexico, Sr.	12	409-233	12	57.0	3117	22
5. Mike McCoy, Utah, Sr.	11	381-247	11	64.8	3035	28
6. Steve Stenstrom, Stanford, Sr.	9	333-217	6	65.2	2822	16
7. Danny Kanell, Florida St., Jr. ‡	11	380-227	13	59.7	2781	17
8. John Gustin, Wyoming, Sr.	12	306-181	13	59.2	2757	17
9. Henry Burris, Temple, So. ‡	11	410-215	12	54.4	2706	21
10. Marcus Crandell, E. Car., So. ‡	11	401-230	15	57.4	2687	21
11. Kerry Collins, Penn State, Sr.	11	264-176	7	66.7	2679	21
12. Max Knake, TCU, Jr. ‡	11	316-184	7	58.2	2624	24
13. Chad May, Kansas State, Sr.	11	337-200	6	59.3	2571	18
14. Anthony Hill, Colorado St., Sr.	11	290-154	12	53.1	2552	16
15. Wayne Cook, UCLA, Sr.	11	302-179	7	59.3	2501	15

RUSHING-YARDS

Name, school, class	Carries	Yards	Avg.	TD	Yds./G
1. Rashaan Salaam, Colorado, Jr.	298	2055	6.9	24	186.82
2. Brian Pruitt, Central Michigan, Sr.	292	1890	6.5	20	171.82
3. Lawrence Phillips, Nebraska, So. ‡	286	1722	6.0	16	143.50
4. Ki-Jana Carter, Penn State, Jr.	198	1539	7.8	23	139.91
5. Andre Davis, TCU, Jr. ‡	260	1494	5.7	7	135.82
6. Alex Smith, Indiana, Fr. ‡	265	1475	5.6	10	134.09
7. Ryan Christopherson, Wyoming, Sr.	300	1455	4.8	10	121.25
8. Chris Darkins, Minnesota, Jr. ‡	277	1443	5.2	11	131.18
9. Napoleon Kaufman, Washington, Sr.	255	1390	5.5	9	126.36
10. Billy West, Pittsburgh, So. ‡	252	1358	5.4	6	123.45
11. Eddie George, Ohio St., Jr. ‡	261	1353	5.2	12	112.75
12. Sherman Williams, Alabama, Sr.	291	1341	4.6	8	111.75
13. Toraino Singleton, UTEP, Jr. ‡	292	1277	4.4	11	116.09
14. Stephen Davis, Auburn, Jr. ‡	221	1263	5.7	13	114.82
15. Terrell Fletcher, Wisconsin, Sr.	205	1235	6.0	10	112.27

‡denotes returning player

*Italics denotes player renounced senior eligibility and entered NFL draft

RECEIVING-YARDS

Name, school, class	G	Rec.	Yds	TD	Yds/G
1. Marcus Harris, Wyoming, So. ‡	12	71	1431	11	119.25
2. Alex Van Dyke, Nevada, Jr. ‡	11	98	1246	10	113.27
3. Kevin Jordan, UCLA, Jr. ‡	11	73	1228	7	111.64
4. Randy Gatewood, UNLV, Sr.	11	88	1203	6	109.36
5. Keyshawn Johnson, USC, Jr. ‡	10	58	1140	6	114.00
6. Stepfret Williams, Northeast La., Jr. ‡	11	57	1106	10	100.55
7. Justin Armour, Stanford, Sr.	11	67	1092	7	99.27
8. Amani Toomer, Michigan, Jr. ‡	11	49	1033	5	93.91
9. Bobby Engram, Penn State, Jr. ‡	11	52	1029	7	93.55
10. Lucious Davis, New Mexico St., Jr. ‡	11	54	985	11	89.55
11. Freddie Scott, Penn State, So. ‡	11	47	973	9	88.45
12. Charlie Jones, Fresno State, Jr. ‡	13	54	971	6	74.69
13. Richard Dice, Arizona, So. ‡	11	56	969	8	88.09
14. Frank Sanders, Auburn, Sr.	11	58	910	7	82.73
15. Brian Roberson, Fresno State, So. ‡	13	50	900	4	69.23

RECEIVING-RECEPTIONS

Name, school, class	G	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Rec./Game
1. Alex Van Dyke, Nevada, Jr. ‡	11	98	1246	10	8.91
2. Randy Gatewood, UNLV, Sr.	11	88	1203	6	8.00
3. Mick Rossley, SMU, Sr.	11	83	857	4	7.55
4. Geroy Simon, Maryland, So. ‡	11	77	891	5	7.00
5. Wes Caswell, Tulsa, So. ‡	11	74	893	3	6.73
6. Kevin Jordan, UCLA, Jr. ‡	11	73	1228	7	6.64
7. Marcus Harris, Wyoming, So. ‡	12	71	1431	11	5.92
8. Jamie Asher, Louisville, Sr.	11	70	794	1	6.36
9. Andre Wallace, Western Michigan, Sr.	11	68	758	7	6.18
10. Justin Armour, Stanford, Sr.	11	67	1092	7	6.09
11. Deron Claiborne, Utah, Sr.	11	63	743	5	5.73
12. Dean Jackson, Louisiana Tech., So. ‡	11	62	790	0	5.64
13. Curtis Marsh, Utah, Sr.	11	61	859	11	5.55
14. (tie) Kez McCorvey, Florida State, Sr.	10	59	870	4	5.90
14. (tie) Brice Hunter, Georgia, Jr. ‡	11	59	799	7	5.36

INTERCEPTIONS

Name, school, class	G	No.	Yds.	TD
1. Aaron Beasley, West Virginia, Jr. ‡	12	10	133	2
2. (tie) Brian Robinson, Auburn, Jr. ‡	11	8	140	1
2. (tie) Ronde Barber, Virginia, Fr. ‡	11	8	56	0
4. Demetric Martin, Michigan State, Jr. ‡	11	7	41	0
5. (tie) Kareem Leary, Utah, Sr.	11	6	140	2
5. (tie) Bart Thomas, Texas Tech., Sr.	11	6	91	0
5. (tie) Ray Jackson, Colorado State, Jr. ‡	11	6	71	0
5. (tie) Joe Crocker, Virginia, Jr. ‡	11	6	54	1
5. (tie) Ernest Boyd, Utah, Sr.	11	6	41	0
5. (tie) Walt Harris, Mississippi State, Jr. ‡	11	6	41	1
5. (tie) Brian Watkins, Air Force, Sr.	11	6	28	0
5. (tie) Denorse Mosley, Pittsburgh, So. ‡	11	6	27	0
5. (tie) Orlando Thomas, SW La., Sr.	11	6	25	0

14, 19 players tied with five

SCORING

Name, school, class	Pos.	G	TD	XP	FG	Pts.
1. Rashaan Salaam, Colorado, Jr.	TB	11	24	0	0	144
2. Ki-Jana Carter, Penn State, Jr.	TB	11	23	0	0	138
3. Brian Pruitt, Central Michigan, Sr.	TB	11	22	0	0	132
4. Judd Davis, Florida, Sr.	K	12	0	85	14	107
5. Brian Leaver, Bowling Green, Sr.	K	11	0	42	21	105
6. (tie) Rodney Thomas, Texas A&M, Sr.	TB	11	16	0	0	96
6. (tie) Lawrence Phillips, Nebraska, So. ‡	TB	12	16	0	0	96
6. (tie) Jack Jackson, Florida, Jr.	WR	12	16	0	0	96
6. (tie) Reggie Brown, Fresno State, Jr. ‡	FB	13	16	0	0	96
10. (tie) Remy Hamilton, Michigan, So. ‡	K	11	0	23	24	95
10. (tie) Steve McLaughlin, Arizona, Sr.	K	11	0	26	23	95
12. Brett Conway, Penn State, So. ‡	K	11	0	62	10	92
13. Kanon Parkman, Georgia, Jr. ‡	K	11	0	40	17	91
14. Anthony Shelman, Louisville, Sr.	RB	11	15	0	0	90
15. Nick Garritano, UNLV, Sr.	K	11	0	24	21	87

PUNTING-AVERAGE

(Minimum 3.6 punts per game)

Name, school, class	G	No.	Avg.	Yds.
1. Todd Sauerbrum, West Virginia, Sr.	12	72	48.42	3486
2. Jason Bender, Georgia Tech, Sr.	11	55	45.51	2503
3. Brad Maynard, Ball State, Jr. ‡	11	59	45.49	2684
4. Brian Lambert, Northeast La., Sr.	11	55	45.07	2479
5. Gary Layton, Miami (Ohio), Sr.	11	55	45.04	2477
6. Terry Daniel, Auburn, Sr.	11	53	44.49	2358
7. Darren Schager, UCLA, Sr.	11	53	44.19	2342
8. John Stonehouse, USC, Jr. ‡	11	61	44.15	2693
9. Greg Ivy, Oklahoma State, Jr. ‡	11	64	44.03	2818
10. Jeff Beckley, Boston College, Sr.	11	58	43.88	2545
11. Sean Reali, Syracuse, So. ‡	11	54	43.37	2342
12. Kyle Pooler, Missouri, Sr.	12	75	43.31	3248
13. Paul Burton, Northwestern, Jr. ‡	11	51	43.00	2193
14. Darin Erstad, Nebraska, So. ‡	12	50	42.60	2130
15. Matt Levine, East Carolina, Fr. ‡	11	58	42.59	2470

FIELD GOALS

Name, school, class	Games	FGA	FG	Pct.
1. Remy Hamilton, Michigan, So. ‡	11	29	24	.828
2. Steve McLaughlin, Arizona, Sr.	11	29	23	.793
3. (tie) Brian Leaver, Bowling Green, Sr.	11	24	21	.875
3. (tie) Nick Garritano, UNLV, Sr.	11	26	21	.808
5. John Wales, Washington, So. ‡	11	25	18	.720
6. (tie) Ryan Williams, Virginia Tech, Sr.	10	21	17	.810
6. (tie) Mike Chalberg, Minnesota, Jr. ‡	10	23	17	.739
6. (tie) Mike Kanan, Georgia, Jr. ‡	11	22	17	.773
6. (tie) Rafael Garcia, Virginia, So. ‡	11	22	17	.773
6. (tie) Jon Baker, Arizona State, Sr.	11	24	17	.708
6. (tie) Marty Kent, Louisiana Tech, Fr. ‡	11	24	17	.708
6. (tie) Kyle Bryant, Texas A&M, Fr. ‡	11	25	17	.680
13. (tie) Steve Videtich, No. Carolina St., Sr.	11	18	16	.889
13. (tie) Nelson Welch, Clemson, Sr.	11	22	16	.727
15. Micah Knorr, Utah State, So. ‡	11	19	15	.789

KICKOFF RETURNS

Minimum 1.2 returns per game

Name, school, class	G	No.	Yds.	TD	Avg.
1. David Dunn, Fresno State, Sr.	13	35	1013	0	28.94
2. Marcus Wall, North Carolina, Jr. ‡	11	27	743	1	27.52
3. Parrish Foster, New Mexico State, Sr.	9	14	385	0	27.50
4. Derrick Mason, Michigan State, So. ‡	11	36	966	1	26.83
5. Joey Galloway, Ohio State, Sr.	10	15	401	1	26.73
6. Ashaundai Smith, Kansas, Jr. ‡	10	17	448	1	26.35
7. Ben Bronson, Baylor, Sr.	11	18	470	1	26.11
8. Seth Smith, Michigan, Fr. ‡	11	18	468	1	26.00
8. Brian Davis, Memphis, Jr. ‡	11	16	416	0	26.00
8. Jack Jackson, Florida, Jr. ‡	12	15	390	0	26.00
11. Bryan Still, Virginia Tech, Jr. ‡	11	19	493	0	25.95
12. Elan Banks, Western Michigan, Sr.	10	15	385	0	25.67
13. Henry Bailey, UNLV, Sr.	11	17	432	0	25.41
14. Hank Ray, Ohio, Jr. ‡	9	22	553	0	25.14
15. Alvis Whitted, N. Carolina St., Fr. ‡	11	18	452	1	25.11

PUNT RETURNS

Name, school, class	G	No.	Yds.	TD	Avg.
1. Steve Clay, Eastern Michigan, Jr. ‡	11	14	278	1	19.86
2. Nilo Silvan, Tennessee, Jr. ‡	11	15	272	0	18.13
3. Ray Peterson, San Diego State, Jr. ‡	10	12	190	2	15.83
4. Kevin Alexander, Utah State, Jr. ‡	11	14	199	1	14.21
5. Eddie Kennison, LSU, So. ‡	10	36	439	1	12.19
6. Antonio Freeman, Virginia Tech, Sr.	11	39	467	1	11.97
7. Parrish Foster, New Mexico State, Sr.	9	14	167	0	11.93
8. Greg Myers, Colorado State, Jr. ‡	11	25	294	0	11.76
9. Ryan Roskelley, Memphis, Jr. ‡	11	40	468	1	11.70
10. Dane Johnson, Texas Tech, Fr. ‡	11	27	313	1	11.59
11. Vaurice Patterson, Northern Illinois, Sr.	11	22	252	0	11.45
12. Octavus Barnes, North Carolina, Fr. ‡	11	14	151	0	10.79
13. Bobby Engram, Penn State, Jr. ‡	11	14	147	0	10.50
14. Ta'Boris Fisher, Mississippi, So. ‡	11	33	346	0	10.48
15. (tie) Na'il Benjamin, California, So. ‡	11	19	198	0	10.42
15. (tie) Morris Foreman, East Carol., Jr. ‡	11	19	198	0	10.42
17. Tom Boyd, Toledo, Sr.	11	16	165	0	10.31
18. Craig Allen, Purdue, Jr. ‡	11	17	173	0	10.18
19. Joey Galloway, Ohio State, Sr.	10	15	150	0	10.00
20. Sorola Palmer, Florida, Jr. ‡	12	28	276	0	9.86

BOWL RESULTS

Bowl	Date	Location	Teams/Score	Att.
Las Vegas	Dec. 15	Las Vegas, Nev.	UNLV 52, Central Michigan 24	17,562
Jeep Eagle Aloha	Dec. 25	Honolulu, Hawaii	Boston College 12, Kansas St. 7	44,862
Poulan/Weed Eater Indep.	Dec. 28	Shreveport, La.	Virginia 20, Texas Christian 10	27,242
Weiser Lock Copper	Dec. 29	Tucson, Ariz.	Brigham Young 31, Oklahoma 6	45,122
Freedom	Dec. 29	Anaheim, Calif.	Utah 16, Arizona 13	27,477
Sun	Dec. 30	El Paso, Texas	Texas 35, North Carolina 31	50,612
Outback Steakhouse Gator	Dec. 30	Gainesville, Fla.	Tennessee 45, Virginia Tech 23	62,200
Thrifty Car Rental Holiday	Dec. 30	San Diego, Calif.	Michigan 24, Colorado State 14	59,453
St. Jude Liberty	Dec. 31	Memphis, Tenn.	Illinois 30, East Carolina 0	33,280
Builders Square Alamo	Dec. 31	S. Antonio, Texas	Washington St. 10, Baylor 3	44,106
Federal Express Orange	Jan. 1	Miami, Fla.	Nebraska 24, Miami (Fla.) 17	81,753
Peach	Jan. 1	Atlanta, Ga.	N. Carolina St. 28, Miss. St. 24	64,902
Hall of Fame	Jan. 2	Tampa, Fla.	Wisconsin 34, Duke 20	61,384
Mobil Cotton	Jan. 2	Dallas, Texas	USC 55, Texas Tech 14	70,218
CompUSA Florida Citrus	Jan. 2	Orlando, Fla.	Alabama 24, Ohio State 17	71,195
Carquest	Jan. 2	Miami, Fla.	South Carolina 24, W. Virginia 21	50,833
IBM OS/2 Fiesta	Jan. 2	Tempe, Ariz.	Colorado 41, Notre Dame 24	73,968
Rose	Jan. 2	Pasadena, Calif.	Penn State 38, Oregon 20	102,247
USF&G Sugar	Jan. 2	New Orleans, La.	Florida State 23, Florida 17	76,224

OTHER POSTSEASON GAMES

Kelly Tire Blue-Gray	Dec. 25	Montgomery, Ala.	Blue 38, Gray 27	23,500
Heritage Bowl (I-AA)	Dec. 30	Atlanta, Ga.	So. Carolina St. 31, Grambling 27	n/a
East-West Shrine	Jan. 14	Palo Alto, Calif.	West 30, East 28	35,079
Senior Bowl	Jan. 21	Mobile, Ala.	South 14, North 7	40,007
Hula Bowl	Jan. 22	Honolulu, Hawaii	East 20, West 9	19,074

FINAL 1994 COLLEGE FOOTBALL POLLS

First-place votes in parentheses

ASSOCIATED PRESS	Record	Pts.	USA TODAY/CNN	Record	Pts.
1. Nebraska (51.5)	13-0-0	1,539.5	1. Nebraska (54)	13-0-0	1,542
2. Penn State (10.5)	12-0-0	1,497.5	2. Penn State (8)	12-0-0	1,496
3. Colorado	11-1-0	1,410	3. Colorado	11-1-0	1,382
4. Florida State	10-1-1	1,320	4. Alabama	12-1-0	1,344
5. Alabama	12-1-0	1,312	5. Florida State	10-1-1	1,329
6. Miami, Fla.	10-2-0	1,249	6. Miami, Fla.	10-2-0	1,229
7. Florida	10-2-1	1,153	7. Florida	10-2-1	1,186
8. Texas A&M	10-0-1	1,117	8. Utah	10-2-0	1,029
9. Auburn	9-1-1	1,110	9. Ohio State	9-4-0	842
10. Utah	10-2-0	955	10. Brigham Young	10-3-0	832
11. Oregon	9-4-0	810	11. Oregon	9-4-0	831
12. Michigan	8-4-0	732	12. Michigan	8-4-0	787
13. Southern Cal	8-3-1	691	13. Virginia	9-3-0	765
14. Ohio State	9-4-0	672	14. Colorado State	10-2-0	681
15. Virginia	9-3-0	648	15. Southern Cal	8-3-1	670
16. Colorado State	10-2-0	630	16. Kansas State	9-3-0	661
17. North Carolina State	9-3-0	511	17. North Carolina State	9-3-0	626
18. Brigham Young	10-3-0	500	18. Tennessee	8-4-0	520
19. Kansas State	9-3-0	496	19. Washington State	8-4-0	449
20. Arizona	8-4-0	364	20. Arizona	8-4-0	405
21. Washington State	8-4-0	344	21. North Carolina	8-4-0	313
22. Tennessee	8-4-0	303	22. Boston College	7-4-1	304
23. Boston College	7-4-1	236	23. Texas	8-4-0	244
24. Mississippi State	8-4-0	160	24. Virginia Tech	8-4-0	189
25. Texas	8-4-0	90	25. Mississippi State	8-4-0	158

Others receiving votes: Wisconsin 109, Illinois 92, Duke 60, South Carolina 22, Syracuse 20, Air Force 19, Iowa 7, Bowling Green 4, West Virginia 2, Texas Christian 1.

NOTE: Auburn, Texas A&M and Washington were ineligible because of NCAA probation.

MAJOR COLLEGE FOOTBALL AWARDS 1994

Heisman Trophy: Rashaan Salaam, RB, Jr., Colorado	Colorado Johnny Unitas Award: Jay Barker, QB, Sr., Alabama
Outland Trophy: Zach Wiegert, OT, Sr., Nebraska	Lou Groza Award: Steve McLaughlin, K, Sr., Arizona
Maxwell Award: Kerry Collins, QB, Sr., Penn St.	Vince Lombardi/Rotary Award: Warren Sapp, DT, Jr., Miami (Fla.)
Butkus Award: Dana Howard, LB, Sr., Illinois	Walter Camp Award: Rashaan Salaam, RB, Jr., Colorado
Jim Thorpe Award: Chris Hudson, DB, Sr., Colorado	Walter Payton Award: Steve McNair, QB, Sr., Alcorn St.
Fred Biletnikoff Award: Bobby Engram, WR, Jr., Penn St.	Eddie Robinson Trophy: Steve McNair, QB, Sr., Alcorn State
Davey O'Brien Award: Kerry Collins, QB, Sr., Penn St.	Harlon Hill Trophy: Chris Hatcher, QB, Sr., Valdosta State (Ga.)
Doak Walker Award: Rashaan Salaam, RB, Jr., Colorado	John Gagliardi Trophy: Carey Bender, RB, Sr., Coe (Iowa)

FINAL CONFERENCE STANDINGS

BIG EAST									
School	Conf.	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.	Overall	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.	
Miami	7-0-0	1.000	191	51	10-2-0	.833	365	143	
Virginia Tech	5-2-0	.714	196	119	8-4-0	.666	327	236	
Syracuse	4-3-0	.571	151	176	7-4-0	.636	256	259	
West Virginia	4-3-0	.571	160	167	7-6-0	.538	296	286	
Boston College	3-3-1	.500	138	100	7-4-1	.625	271	169	
Rutgers	2-4-1	.357	156	177	5-5-1	.500	241	261	
Pittsburgh	2-5-0	.286	156	201	3-8-0	.272	246	307	
Temple	0-7-0	.000	154	311	2-9-0	.182	244	417	

BIG EIGHT									
School	Conf.	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.	Overall	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.	
Nebraska	7-0-0	1.000	201	55	12-0-0	1.000	435	145	
Colorado	6-1-0	.857	234	124	10-1-0	.909	398	211	
Kansas State	5-2-0	.714	167	129	9-2-0	.818	306	156	
Oklahoma	4-3-0	.571	147	155	6-5-0	.545	218	238	
Kansas	3-4-0	.429	169	188	6-5-0	.545	314	242	
Missouri	2-5-0	.143	133	197	3-8-1	.292	208	325	
Oklahoma State	0-6-1	.071	86	184	3-7-1	.318	180	274	
Iowa State	0-6-1	.071	132	247	0-10-1	.045	192	363	

BIG TEN									
School	Conf.	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.	Overall	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.	
Penn State	8-0-0	1.000	385	170	11-0-0	1.000	526	232	
Ohio State	6-2-0	.750	190	149	9-3-0	.750	319	187	
Michigan	5-3-0	.625	220	177	7-4-0	.636	306	254	
Wisconsin	4-3-1	.563	212	156	6-4-1	.591	323	218	
Illinois	4-4-0	.500	194	136	6-5-0	.545	279	150	
Michigan State	4-4-0	.500	205	219	5-6-0	.455	280	267	
Iowa	3-4-1	.438	200	254	5-5-1	.500	307	324	
Indiana	3-5-0	.375	172	239	6-5-0	.545	294	285	
Purdue	2-4-2	.375	215	269	4-5-2	.455	336	346	
Northwestern	2-6-0	.250	140	258	3-7-1	.318	210	352	
Minnesota	1-7-0	.125	183	289	3-8-0	.273	256	348	

PAC-10									
School	Conf.	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.	Overall	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.	
Oregon	7-1-0	.875	199	108	9-4-0	.692	349	250	
USC	6-2-0	.750	233	147	8-3-1	.708	356	243	
Arizona	6-2-0	.750	186	139	8-4-0	.667	278	190	
Washington St.	5-3-0	.625	139	111	8-4-0	.667	192	136	
UCLA	3-5-0	.375	176	213	5-6-0	.455	239	295	
California	3-5-0	.375	130	205	4-7-0	.364	212	248	
Oregon State	2-6-0	.250	141	172	4-7-0	.364	223	239	
Stanford	2-6-0	.250	220	264	3-7-1	.318	327	359	
Arizona State	2-6-0	.250	174	260	3-8-0	.273	242	347	
*Washington	4-4-0	.500	198	177	7-4-0	.636	295	233	

*ineligible for Pac-10 championship and postseason competition

WAC									
School	Conf.	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.	Overall	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.	
Colorado State	7-1-0	.875	276	210	10-2-0	.833	400	269	
Utah	6-2-0	.750	278	164	10-2-0	.833	426	210	
Brigham Young	6-2-0	.750	260	228	10-3-0	.769	385	300	
Air Force	6-2-0	.750	278	202	8-4-0	.667	371	285	
Wyoming	4-4-0	.500	211	234	6-6-0	.500	319	341	
New Mexico	4-4-0	.500	254	240	5-7-0	.417	401	386	
Fresno State	3-4-1	.438	259	279	5-7-1	.423	376	426	
San Diego State	2-6-0	.250	237	265	4-7-0	.364	332	339	
UTEP	1-6-1	.188	149	299	3-7-1	.318	217	359	
Hawaii	0-8-0	.000	137	218	3-8-1	.292	260	273	

SEC									
EASTERN DIVISION									
School	Record	Pct.	Overall	Pct.					
x-y-Florida	7-1-0	.875	10-1-1	.875					
Tennessee	5-3-0	.625	7-4-0	.636					
South Carolina	4-4-0	.500	6-5-0	.545					
Georgia	3-4-1	.438	6-4-1	.591					
Vanderbilt	2-6-0	.333	5-6-0	.455					
Kentucky	0-8-0	.000	1-10-0	.090					

WESTERN DIVISION									
School	Record	Pct.	Overall	Pct.					
x-Alabama	8-0-0	1.000	11-1-0	.917					
Mississippi State	5-3-0	.625	8-3-0	.727					
LSU	3-5-0	.375	4-7-0	.364					
Arkansas	2-6-0	.250	4-7-0	.364					
Ole Mississippi	2-6-0	.250	4-7-0	.364					
x-Auburn	6-1-1	.813	9-1-1	.864					

x-Division champion
y-SEC champion
z-ineligible for SEC championship and playoffs

SOUTHWEST									
School	Conf.	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.	Overall	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.	
Texas Tech	4-3-0	.571	195	94	6-6-0	.500	312	246	
Baylor	4-3-0	.571	220	197	7-5-0	.583	362	277	
Rice	4-3-0	.571	130	114	5-6-0	.455	206	203	
Texas	4-3-0	.571	223	172	8-4-0	.667	365	291	
TCU	4-3-0	.571	170	176	7-5-0	.583	302	301	
Houston	1-6-0	.143	95	267	1-10-0	.091	115	402	
SMU	0-6-1	.071	115	233	1-9-1	.136	197	343	
x-Texas A&M	6-0-1	.829	198	93	10-0-1	.955	319	147	

x-ineligible for SWC championship and playoffs

ACC									
School	Conf.	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.	Overall	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.	
Florida State	8-0-0	1.000	331	102	9-1-1	.864	405	183	
N.C. State	6-2-0	.750	205	188	8-3-0	.727	277	251	
North Carolina	5-3-0	.625	239	191	8-3-0	.727	343	232	
Virginia	5-3-0	.625	224	149	8-3-0	.727	350	185	
Duke	5-3-0	.625	257	216	8-3-0	.727	360	247	
Clemson	4-4-0	.500	116	109	5-6-0	.455	164	188	

Conference standings continued

ACC cont.									
School	Conf.	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.	Overall	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.	
Maryland	2-6-0	.250	192	282	4-7-0	.364	270	326	
Wake Forest	1-7-0	.125	84	301	3-8-0	.273	143	373	
Georgia Tech	0-8-0	.000	116	226	1-10-0	.091	185	319	

BIG WEST									
School	Conf.	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.	Overall	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.	
*UNLV	5-1-0	.833	160	133	7-5-0	.583	315	329	
*Nevada	5-1-0	.833	216	127	9-2-0	.818	414	272	
*Southwest. La.	5-1-0	.833	151	95	6-5-0	.545	221	264	
Pacific	4-2-0	.667	161	134	6-5-0	.545	252	275	
Northern Illinois	3-3-0	.500	185	165	4-7-0	.364	301	294	
San Jose State	3-3-0	.500	127	138	3-8-0	.273	200	377	
Utah State	2-4-0	.333	134	157	3-8-0	.273	209	313	
New Mexico St.	2-4-0	.333	136	185	3-8-0	.273	235	422	
Louisiana State	1-5-0	.167	69	112	3-8-0	.273	164	274	
Arkansas State	0-6-0	.000	63	156	1-10-0	.090	123	316	

* Tri-champion; UNLV advanced to Las Vegas Bowl

MID-AMERICAN									
School	Conf.	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.	Overall	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.	
Central Michigan	8-1-0	.889	320	188	9-2-0	.818	376	263	
Bowling Green	7-1-0	.875	279	133	9-2-0	.818	391	174	
West. Michigan	5-3-0	.625	194	146	7-4-0	.636	274	189	
Miami (Ohio)	5-3-0	.625	221	163	5-5-1	.500	262	260	
Ball State	5-3-1	.611	241	231	5-5-1	.500	276	296	
Toledo	4-3-1	.563	268	219	6-4-1	.591	352	324	
East. Michigan	5-4-0	.556	244	212	5-6-0	.455	247	285	
Kent	2-7-0	.222	120	237	2-9-0	.182	140	293	
Akron	1-8-0	.111	131	331	1-10-0	.091	145	404	
Ohio	0-9-0	.000	66	224	0-11-0	.000	82	259	

1995 COLLEGE FOOTBALL TELEVISION SCHEDULE

ALL TIMES P.M. AND EASTERN STANDARD TIME

ALL TIMES AND DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

ESPN

Sept. 7 (Thu)	.....	Boston College at Virginia Tech, 8
Sept. 9 (Sat)	.....	Georgia at Tennessee, 6:30
Sept. 9 (Sat)	.....	Colorado State at Colorado, 9:30
Sept. 14 (Thu)	.....	TCU at Kansas, 8
Sept. 16 (Sat)	.....	San Diego State at BYU, 9:30
Sept. 21 (Thu)	.....	North Carolina at Louisville, 8
Sept. 28 (Thu)	.....	Maryland at Georgia Tech, 8
Sept. 30 (Sat)	.....	Wisconsin at Penn State, 5:45
Sept. 30 (Sat)	.....	Colorado at Oklahoma, 8:45
Oct. 5 (Thu)	.....	Mississippi State at Auburn, 8
Oct. 7 (Sat)	.....	Miami at Florida State, 7:30
Nov. 2 (Thu)	.....	Florida State at Virginia, 8
Nov. 9 (Thu)	.....	Texas A&M at Rice, 8
Nov. 23 (Thu)	.....	Baylor at Texas, 8
Nov. 24 (Fri)	.....	Pittsburgh at West Virginia, 4

ABC

Note: Most regional telecasts were unconfirmed at press time

Aug. 26 (Sat)	.....	Pigskin Classic: Virginia at Michigan, noon
Aug. 27 (Sun)	.....	Kickoff Classic: Ohio State vs. Boston College at Meadowlands, N.J., 2
Sept. 2 (Sat)	.....	Colorado at Wisconsin/Miami at UCLA, 8
Oct. 7 (Sat)	.....	Notre Dame at Washington, 3:30
Nov. 23 (Thu)	.....	Georgia at Georgia Tech, 11 a.m.
Nov. 24 (Fri)	.....	Boston College at Rutgers/No. Carolina at N.C. State/Arizona at Arizona State/Purdue at Indiana/Oklahoma at Nebraska, 2:30
Dec. 2 (Sat)	.....	Army vs. Navy at Philadelphia, Pa., noon
.....	.....	Texas at Texas A&M, 3:30
.....	.....	SEC Championship, 7:30

* ABC's Pay-Per-View option will be available again this season.

NBC

Sept. 2 (Sat)	.....	Northwestern at Notre Dame, 2:30
Sept. 16 (Sat)	.....	Vanderbilt at Notre Dame, 2:30
Sept. 23 (Sat)	.....	Texas at Notre Dame, 2:30
Oct. 21 (Sat)	.....	USC at Notre Dame, 2:30
Oct. 28 (Sat)		Boston College at Notre Dame, 4
Nov. 4 (Sat)		Navy at Notre Dame, 1:30
Nov. 25 (Sat)		Bavou Classic. 2

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